

# The Winchester Sun

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WINCHESTER

## Incentives approved for new job prospects

### Amazon subsidiary could bring 1,150 jobs

By Katie Perkowski  
The Winchester Sun

The Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority approved a proposal Thursday that would give \$10.25 million in Kentucky business incentives to a subsidiary of Amazon.com, should it choose to open a \$20-million customer support center in Winchester.

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To receive the full tax credit from the state, the company, AMZN.waacs Inc, would have to create 550 full-time jobs and 600 part-time and seasonal jobs, said Todd Denham, executive director of the Winchester-Clark County Industrial Authority. The jobs would have an average hourly pay of \$20.33 with benefits. The 70,000-square-foot center,

Denham said, would be built on a seven-acre site to be determined.

The agency also approved a \$250,000 economic development grant agreement for the project. That money would also be issued to AMZN from the state, should it choose to locate in Winchester. At a Winchester Board of Commissioners meeting last week, commissioners voted to approve a resolution to

allow the City of Winchester to enter into the agreement.

Because Winchester entered into a confidentiality agreement with AMZN, the project was dubbed Project Rock until the company name could be released.

Denham said he and local leaders have been working on the project since October. The approval of the business incentives, he said, does not mean it's a done deal.

"We are still working with the client to continue this process, and

we hope to continue to move forward to have this project come to fruition very soon," he said. "This is going to have such an impact on our community, our region, the state, and we're very excited, and there's a whole lot of people that have worked very hard to get us this far, so ... we hope to have an announcement on this sometime in the near future."

Later in the meeting, the agency approved a proposal that would  
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Ready... set...

## FIRE IN THE HOLE

Pre-algebra, catapults mix at Conkwright



A soccer ball is hurled from a large wooden catapult after Keyton Rogers, kneeling, releases the firing mechanism during a medieval time project for seventh grade students attending Conkwright Middle School. Watching were Conkwright sixth grade students. Students in a pre-algebra class taught by Stacey McKenzie built catapults and trebuchets of various sizes and put them to the test behind the school. Distance and time in the air was recorded for the students to create a graph and to calculate the speed the object traveled. See page A9 in today's Sun for an additional photo and the winners of each class.



Seventh grade Conkwright students watch and record the time and distance each student's object traveled after being launched from a catapult, above photo. Watching are, from left, Taylor Kincaid, Laura Graves, Lindsey Highley, Jessica Web, Lela Egger, Kennedy Williams, Emma Mork and Grace Quisenberry. Jessica Webb watches a small rubber ball leaves her trebuchet built with plastic plumbing pipe as part of her seventh grade medieval time project, right photo. Forty-eight students created catapults or trebuchets from various materials, including one that was built out of Legos.



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PRESCRIPTION PILL PROBLEM

## Battle continues over painkiller legislation

FRANKFORT (AP) — A House bill would give the Kentucky attorney general's office the responsibility of tracking doctors who over-prescribe painkillers, and a version passed by the Senate would sharply limit the number of prosecutors given access to the monitoring data.

The measure, approved late Wednesday afternoon by the Senate, is now in the House Rules Committee. It will likely go to a conference committee to work out differences between the House and Senate versions before the state Legislature's 2012 regular session ends April 12.

Aimed at curbing drug abuse, the original bill proposed by Democratic Speaker of the House Greg Stumbo of Prestonsburg would have given prosecutors access to prescription information under KASPER, the Kentucky All Schedule Prescription Electronic Monitor-

ing Program.

Sen. Tom Jensen, R-London, who led the effort to pass the bill in that chamber, put forward several significant changes, including what he called "gatekeeper provisions" to alleviate doctors' fears of "free for all" investigations.

Jensen's version would create a unit in the attorney general's office of no more than 20 employees who would have access to KASPER data, and those employees would have to be trained in its use. They could share the data with police,  
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LEGISLATURE

## Raises cut from state budget

FRANKFORT (AP) — More than 30,000 government workers will go without pay raises and some 200,000 retirees won't get cost-of-living increases in their monthly pension checks under a bare-bones budget proposal that legislative leaders have agreed to present to their colleagues for floor votes Friday.

Negotiators reached an accord early Thursday on the budget proposal that also calls for sharp cuts to most government agencies and programs.

"This is a budget that reflects the toughest economy we've faced since the Great Depression," said House Floor Leader Rocky Adkins, D-Sandy Hook. "All of us wish we could do more, but the revenues just are not there to do what we would like to do."

Three days of intense talks ended early Thursday morning when legislative leaders exited a conference room with a tentative deal on the two-year, \$19 billion spending plan that still needs approval from the full House and Senate.

The House and Senate will consider the measure late Friday with only one day to spare before the end of the legislative session.

Meanwhile, negotiators were set to tackle the state's road budget on Thursday, a \$3.5 billion construction plan that will likely involve another round of marathon negotiations.

Lawmakers also are pushing to pass Gov. Steve Beshear's tax amnesty plan that he believes could collect a badly needed \$55 million over the next two years. It would be the state's first offer of tax amnesty in a decade, and would forgive some penalties if people come forward and pay their taxes.

With time running out in  
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# Obituaries

## MARGARET KATHERINE PARIDO

Margaret Katherine Parido, 83, of Winchester, passed away at her home Thursday evening.

She was born March 6, 1929 to the late John and Mary Barbee Phillips.

She was retired from the Clark County Bank after many years of service.

Survivors include two daughters, Margot Beth Parido and Jane Jones (Jay); three sons, Phillip, Gordon, and Joseph all of Winchester; seven grandchildren, Robbie Parido, Jessica Jones, Andrew Jones, Kelsie Parido, Kyra Parido, J.T. Jones and Cody Jones all of Winchester; six great grandchildren, Lauren Parido, Kaleb Floyd, Ryker Floyd, Jordon Jones, Wyatt Jones, Iris Jones and Kip of Winchester.

Visitation will be today at Scobee Funeral Home from 6 to 8 p.m.

Private graveside services will be held on Saturday. Memorial contributions are suggested to Hospice East, 407 Shoppers Drive, Winchester, KY 40391.

The online guest book is available at [www.scobeehome.com](http://www.scobeehome.com), and the 24-hour funeral information line can be reached by calling 744-2122.

# Mega Millions: More tickets increase odds of winning big prize

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — With the multistate Mega Millions jackpot set to reach a world-record \$540 million today, lottery players across the country are wondering if there's a way to guarantee becoming an overnight multimillionaire.

The answer: Not unless you already are one and own a magic wand.

The jackpot is so large, someone with enough money could theoretically buy up every single combination of winning numbers, thereby guaranteeing a winning ticket — but only if you suspended the laws of physics.

A \$540 million jackpot, if taken as a \$390 lump sum and after federal tax withholding, works out to about \$293 million. With the jackpot odds at 1 in 176 million, it would cost \$176 million to buy up every single combination. Under that scenario, the strategy would win \$117 million — less if your state also withholds taxes.

But there are too many limitations. First, if it takes five seconds to fill out each card, you'd need almost 28 years just to mark the bubbles on the game tickets. You'd also use up the national supply of special lottery paper and lottery-machine printing ink well before all your tickets could be printed out.

And with a jackpot this large, experts say, there is more of a chance of multiple winners. If you have to share the jackpot with even one fellow winner, you've lost \$30 million.

Mike Catalano, chairman of the mathematics department at Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, S.D., said he covers the odds of winning in lottery games with his students in an attempt to show them how unlikely it is to win big.

He concedes the math is clear: The more tickets you buy, the better your chances of winning. So, if you buy 10 tickets

filled out 10 different ways, your odds of winning the jackpot 10 in 176 million.

"You are about 50 times as likely to get struck by lightning as to win the lottery, based on the 90 people a year getting struck by lightning," Catalano said. "Of course, if you buy 50 tickets, you've equalized your chances of winning the jackpot with getting struck by lightning."

Based on other averages in the U.S., you're about 8,000 times more likely to be murdered than winning the lottery, and about 20,000 times more likely to die in a car crash that hit the lucky numbers, Catalano said.

"You might get some psychological enjoyment from playing the lottery, but from a financial standpoint ... you'd be much better off going to Las Vegas and playing blackjack or the slot machines."

# Police/fire

## WINCHESTER POLICE

**Reports**

— At 1:56 p.m. Thursday, police received a report of a stolen air conditioner at 3005 Corporate Drive.

— At 12:29 a.m. today, a man reported his 15-year-old daughter had not come home.

**Charged**

— Justine A. Endricks, 31, of 33 Franklin Ave., was charged Thursday with fraudulent use of a credit card.

— Kelly Hopkins, 23, of 608 College St., was charged Thursday with operating on a suspended license and failure of owner to maintain insurance.

— Felicia Noble, 26, of 9 Wilson Lane, was charged today with first-degree traf-

ficking in a controlled substance, buying/possessing drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana.

— Julius Talapas, 42, of 1330 Dale Drive, was charged Thursday with non-payment of fines.

— Roger D. Willoughby, 28, of 21 Goldie Ave., was charged Thursday with alcohol intoxication and second-degree assault.

**CLARK COUNTY SHERIFF**

**Charged**

— Amanda L. Rader, 24, of London, was charged Wednesday with theft by unlawful taking and was served with a warrant.

— Ronald J. Crouch, 47, of Clay City, was charged Thursday with driving on a DUI suspended license and was served with a warrant.

**CLARK COUNTY FIRE**

— At 12:55 p.m. Thursday, firefighters responded to an alarm at Leggett & Platt, Ecton Road. The alarm was activated due to a test of the sprinkler system.

— At 7:20 p.m. Thursday, firefighters responded to the smell of gas at Irvine Road and Old Ruckerville Road.

— At 8:43 p.m. Thursday, firefighters responded to a possible structure fire at 25 Cardinal Lane. A small bon fire had been put out on arrival. There was no other fire.

**WINCHESTER FIRE-EMS**

— On Thursday, emergency personnel conducted

six out of town transfers and one local transfer. They also responded to six general medical cases, three falls and one overdose.

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## Korean War vet to be buried in western Ky.

OWENSBORO (AP) — After Sgt. William Eugene Brashear died in 1950 during intense fighting in North Korea, both the military and his family figured his remains would never be recovered.

Yet 62 years later, Brashear will be buried near family members on Saturday in Owensboro's historic Elmwood Cemetery.

An urn containing Brashear's ashes will be flown into Evansville at 9 a.m. Friday. He will be buried Saturday with full military honors beside the graves of his parents, Gilbert Eugene and Porter Lou Petri Brashear.

"He was a wonderful uncle," Helen Carol Knott Adkins of Louisville told the Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer.

"His parents, my grandparents, raised my sister and me. I was 11 when we

got the telegram that he was missing."

Brashear's long road home started with his deployment to Korea in 1950. Brashear, 24 and a World War II veteran who spent 22 months in Europe, had been stationed at Fort Knox for nearly two years before he was deployed.

"When he would come home, he would have candy hidden in his glove compartment for us," Adkins said. "Mama didn't want him to re-enlist. He gave Mama his re-enlistment bonus to build a bathroom on the house."

**Funeral for banjo legend Sunday**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The funeral for legendary bluegrass banjo

artist Earl Scruggs will be Sunday in Nashville.

Scruggs was 88 when he died of natural causes Wednesday morning.

An obituary posted by the Spring Hill Funeral Home states the funeral will be conducted at Ryman Auditorium, from where the Grand Ole Opry was broadcast for many years. The service will begin at 2 p.m.

Visitation at the funeral home was scheduled for Friday and Saturday 3 p.m.-7 p.m.

The family has asked that donations go to the Country Music Hall of Fame & Museum in Nashville or The Earl Scruggs Center in Shelby, N.C.



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## The Winchester Sun local forecast

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 3/31	Sun 4/1	Mon 4/2	Tue 4/3	Wed 4/4
78/55	67/49	80/61	81/61	65/46
Sunrise 7:24 AM Sunset 7:58 PM	Sunrise 7:23 AM Sunset 7:59 PM	Sunrise 7:21 AM Sunset 8:00 PM	Sunrise 7:20 AM Sunset 8:01 PM	Sunrise 7:18 AM Sunset 8:02 PM

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### Kentucky At A Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ashland	77	49	t-storm	Glasgow	80	56	t-storm	Murray	82	57	t-storm
Bowling Green	81	59	t-storm	Hopkinsville	81	55	t-storm	Nashville, TN	78	60	t-storm
Cincinnati, OH	80	48	t-storm	Knoxville, TN	77	59	t-storm	Owensboro	83	55	t-storm
Corbin	77	56	t-storm	Lexington	77	55	t-storm	Paducah	81	55	t-storm
Covington	78	47	t-storm	Louisville	81	55	t-storm	Pikeville	80	60	t-storm
Cynthiana	78	49	t-storm	Madisonville	83	54	t-storm	Prestonsburg	78	54	t-storm
Danville	78	55	t-storm	Mayfield	83	56	t-storm	Richmond	77	56	t-storm
Elizabethtown	80	54	t-storm	Middlesboro	79	59	t-storm	Russell Springs	78	55	t-storm
Evansville, IN	82	52	t-storm	Morehead	77	51	t-storm	Somerset	77	57	t-storm
Frankfort	79	55	t-storm	Mount Vernon	77	55	t-storm	Winchester	78	55	t-storm

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	77	60	t-storm	Houston	82	68	t-storm	Phoenix	87	60	pt sunny
Boston	51	35	mst sunny	Los Angeles	71	52	mst sunny	San Francisco	65	55	pt sunny
Chicago	56	39	rain	Miami	84	68	mst sunny	Seattle	49	40	rain
Dallas	83	64	pt sunny	Minneapolis	60	44	cloudy	St. Louis	80	55	t-storm
Denver	78	49	sunny	New York	56	43	sunny	Washington, DC	65	52	mst sunny

### Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
Mar 30	Apr 6	Apr 13	Apr 21

### UV Index

Sat 3/31	Sun 4/1	Mon 4/2	Tue 4/3	Wed 4/4
7	6	7	7	7
High	High	High	High	High

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# Justices meet today to vote on health care case



AP photo  
Supporters of health care reform rally in front of the Supreme Court in Washington Wednesday on the final day of arguments regarding the health care law signed by President Barack Obama. Arguments in the Supreme Court failed to yield clear hints how the justices would rule on the question of whether President Barack Obama's health care overhaul would be left standing if the high court were to strike down the linchpin provision that all Americans must have health insurance.

WASHINGTON (AP) — While the rest of us have to wait until June, the justices of the Supreme Court will know the likely outcome of the historic health care case by the time they go home this weekend.

After months of anticipation, thousands of pages of briefs and more than six hours of arguments, the justices will vote on the fate of President Barack Obama's health care overhaul in under an hour this morning. They will meet in a wood-paneled conference room on the court's main floor. No one else will be present.

In the weeks after this meeting, individual votes can change. Even who wins can change, as the justices read each other's draft opinions and dissents.

But today's vote, which each justice probably will record and many will keep for posterity, will be followed soon after by the assignment

of a single justice to write a majority opinion, or in a case this complex, perhaps two or more justices to tackle different issues. That's where the hard work begins, with the clock ticking toward the end of the court's work in early summer.

The late William Rehnquist, who was chief justice for nearly 19 years, has written that the court's conference "is not a bull session in which off-the-cuff reactions are traded." Instead, he said, votes are cast, one by one in order of seniority.

The conference also is not a debate, says Brian Fitzpatrick, a Vanderbilt University law professor who worked for Justice Antonin Scalia 10 years ago. There will be plenty of time for the back-and-forth in dueling opinions that could follow.

"There's not a whole lot of give and take at the conference. They say, 'This is how

I'm going to vote' and give a few sentences," Fitzpatrick said.

It will be the first time the justices gather as a group to discuss the case. Even they do not always know what the others are thinking when they enter the conference room adjacent to Chief Justice John Roberts' office.

By custom, they shake hands. Then Roberts will take his seat at the head of a rectangular table. Scalia, the longest serving among them, will be at the other end. The other seven justices also sit according to seniority, the four most junior on one side across from the other three.

"They generally find out how the votes line up at the conference," said Orin Kerr, a George Washington University law professor who worked for Justice Anthony Kennedy nine years ago.

The uncertainty may be especially pronounced in

this case, where the views of Roberts and Kennedy are likely to decide the outcome, Kerr said in an interview Thursday. "I don't think anyone knows. I'm not sure Justice Kennedy knows."

No one's vote counts more than the others', but because they speak in order of seniority, it will become clear fairly quickly what will become of the health care overhaul.

That's because Roberts speaks first, followed by Scalia, then Kennedy. If the three men hold a common view, the Obama health care overhaul probably is history. If they don't, it probably survives.

If Roberts is in the majority, he will assign the main opinion, and in a case of this importance, he may well write it himself, several former law clerks said. If Roberts is a dissenter, the senior justice in the majority assigns the opinion.

## PILLS

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federal authorities, prosecutors and others only in the case of "bona fide investigations" involving specific individuals, based on criteria resulting from conversations with "appropriate licensing boards," Jensen said.

The state auditor would have to annually examine the system to make sure improper investigations were not occurring.

The governor could enter into an interstate compact on the monitoring of prescription drugs so that information could be shared among law enforcement officers and others in participating states.

Individuals also would be allowed to see their own KASPER records.

The key provision of Stumbo's bill is that KASPER be moved from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to the Office of the Attorney General.

The speaker has been critical of the cabinet and the state's medical licensing board for not doing enough to fight Kentucky's drug epidemic.

Stumbo's legislation is an attempt to control "pill mills" — pain clinics operated by, or in partnership with, unscrupulous doctors who over-prescribe pain medications such as Oxycodone and Hydrocodone.

Jensen told his fellow Senators on Wednesday that moving KASPER to the attorney general's office was the most contentious part of the bill, but also the

most important.

"I can tell you, what we've been doing with KASPER in the cabinet has not worked," he said. There is still a huge prescription drug abuse problem in the state, and it is not being controlled.

Jensen said that about 80 percent of all criminal cases in courts involve drugs, and Sen. Ray Jones, D-Pikeville, said more than 80 Kentuckians a month, on average, are dying of prescription drug overdoses.

The Senate defeated an amendment by Sen. Jimmy Higdon, R-Lebanon, that would have kept the program in the cabinet.

In addition to the KASPER provisions, the Senate version of the bill retains the provision that pain clinics be owned by licensed physicians.

It also requires that pharmacists use KASPER to report prescriptions within 24 hours of filling them, but it does not require that physicians do so.

Jones, who had worked with Higdon on a similar bill to control prescription drug abuse, said that unless doctors are required to use KASPER when they write prescriptions, the legislation would not be as effective as it needs to be. But he said that's an issue that could be taken up in the conference.

Brian Wilkerson, a spokesman for Stumbo, said it's possible senators and representatives could negotiate on the bill this week. But added the speaker said those talks may take place during the Legislature's last week.

## JOB

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give \$500,000 in Kentucky business incentives to Taica Corporation, a Japanese manufacturing company, should it choose to invest \$8 million to locate a facility in Winchester.

To receive the full tax credit from the state, Taica would have to create 30 full-time jobs with an average hourly pay of \$20 with benefits.

"This is just another piece of the puzzle that we try to put together in order to help make the project happen," Denham said.

Taica would lease and refurbish the former Gecom

building in the industrial park, Denham said. That building has been vacant for about two years, since Gecom left.

The building is about 61,000 square feet, and the company would manufacture cubic printing for the automobile industry.

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## CUTS

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this year's legislative session, Beshear had urged lawmakers to work out differences on the stalled budget process so he wouldn't have to call them back to Frankfort to finish their work after the legislative session ends.

"I think the one thing the people of Kentucky would not accept is the legislature leaving town without a budget," Beshear said. "And so I feel confident that they all understand that, and they're going to work hard to make that happen."

The agreement calls for 8.4 percent spending cuts, which will be especially difficult for agencies that have already trimmed their budgets by more than 30 percent over the past four years.

Lawmakers scraped up funding for some high priority projects, including \$2.5 million to begin design work on a proposed renovation of Rupp Arena, home of the University of Kentucky basketball team that will be playing the University of Louisville Saturday in the Final Four of the NCAA Tournament. They also agreed to pony up \$3.5 million for improvements at the Kentucky Horse Park north of Lexington.

With revenues only now beginning to creep upward after years of decline, Beshear and lawmakers didn't consider tax increases to improve the financial picture, fearing that would hurt

the economic rebound.

One of the final sticking points involved whether to pre-approve the authorization of \$100 million in debt for the School Facilities Construction Commission to build new schools beginning in 2014. The Senate objected to that, but finally relented early Thursday.

The Democratic-controlled House and Republican-led Senate had been engaged in increasingly contentious talks, which in years past have always been conducted out of public view. This year, they have allowed cameras from public television station KET into the conference room where they're meeting. Reporters have been able to monitor the talks via the KET feed.

Lawmakers had long ago exempted themselves from the state's open meetings law.

The Senate pressed to reduce the amount of new debt, and the agreement set

that amount at about \$400 million, down from the \$1 billion Beshear had initially proposed when he presented his budget plan to lawmakers in January.

Negotiators were able to reach an accord on an appropriation of more than \$40 million for indigent hospital care in Louisville, another of the final sticking points.

Lawmakers also agreed to eliminate a \$30,000-a-year housing allowance for Democratic Lt. Gov. Jerry Abramson, a relatively small appropriation that was first proposed by Senate Republicans. Beshear said Wednesday that he and Abramson are fine with that cut.

One of the sticking points involved how revenue from the state's tax on mined coal would be appropriated, including \$6 million that House Democrats want to use to provide scholarships to Appalachian college students.

In a compromise, that pro-

gram was extended to college students in all of Kentucky's coal-producing counties, including those in western Kentucky.

Negotiators began work Thursday on the state's two-year, \$3.5 billion Road Fund budget. The House and Senate have more than 200 pages proposed road construction projects.

Jefferson County, home to the state's largest city, would get more than \$500 million in the 2013 and 2014 fiscal years, under the House proposal.

That proposal also has more than \$80 million going to road and bridge projects in Floyd County, represented by Stumbo, and just short of \$15 million going to Cumberland County, represented by Williams.

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# My pet Mitt

WASHINGTON — In Washington, even the dogs are pundits. My dog, a two-year-old golden retriever/poodle mix named Z.Z., had her cable news debut last week, on MSNBC's "The Last Word." Host Lawrence O'Donnell had us on set to discuss Z.Z.'s membership in Dogs Against Romney.



Dana Milbank

Z.Z. lay quietly at my side, mugging for the camera, as I explained her objections to Mitt Romney driving a car with his dog tied to the roof. At the end of the segment, Z.Z. ate a treat off the anchor's table.

"Z.Z., thank you very much for joining me tonight," O'Donnell said. Noticing that the camera had moved back to him, O'Donnell instructed: "No, don't shoot me. Take a shot of this down here under the desk. Z.Z. gets the last bite tonight. The Ed Show is next."

That would be Ed Schultz, not Mr. Ed. As I watched video of Z.Z. obediently performing, however, I realized: Z.Z. isn't a Dog Against Romney. Z.Z. is Mitt Romney.

The similarities are uncanny. Hold a treat in front of Z.Z., and she will go through her whole repertoire of tricks — sit, shake hands, lie down, roll over — until one of them works. So, too, does Romney adopt any number of positions until he finds one that satisfies.

Likewise, Z.Z. shows unstoppable determination in pursuit of a desired object, such as a ball or a squirrel. Giving chase, she will sometimes run smack into a tree or a soccer net, then charge ahead as though nothing had happened. So, too, does Romney pursue his desired object — the Republican nomination — with such doggedness that he ricochets without visible embarrassment from gaffe ("I like being able to fire people") to blooper ("I have some great friends who are NASCAR team owners").

Z.Z., hearing her name called in a reproachful tone, hangs her head and looks remorseful, even though she has no idea what she has done wrong. So, too, does Romney adapt his behavior to the perceived mood of his audience ("I'm learning to say 'y'all' and I like grits").

The goldendoodle, Z.Z.'s breed, is playful, smart and gentle. But loyalty is not a strong point. Z.Z. has little concept of a master. She likes her human family well enough, but she probably would be just as happy going home with the UPS delivery guy if he offered her a treat. When a stranger comes to the door, she wags her tail so vigorously her hips twist; she picks up a toy and, forgetting her owners, brings it to her new friend.

To paraphrase Lord Palmerston, Z.Z. has no permanent friends, only permanent interests.

And this is what makes her so much like Romney. Consider Romney's response when asked about his aide's claim that the general election would be like an Etch a Sketch, erasing conservative positions he took in the primaries. "I'm running as a conservative Republican," the candidate told a group of reporters last Wednesday after his town-hall event in a Baltimore suburb. He didn't say he *is* a conservative Republican; he said he's *running* as one. As if this is a persona for this particular campaign.

Conservatives are justifiably worried about his loyalty. He obeys the commands of conservatives now, because they are the ones feeding him during the primary season. But in the general election, who's to say he won't trot after soccer moms as breezily as Z.Z. follows the UPS guy?

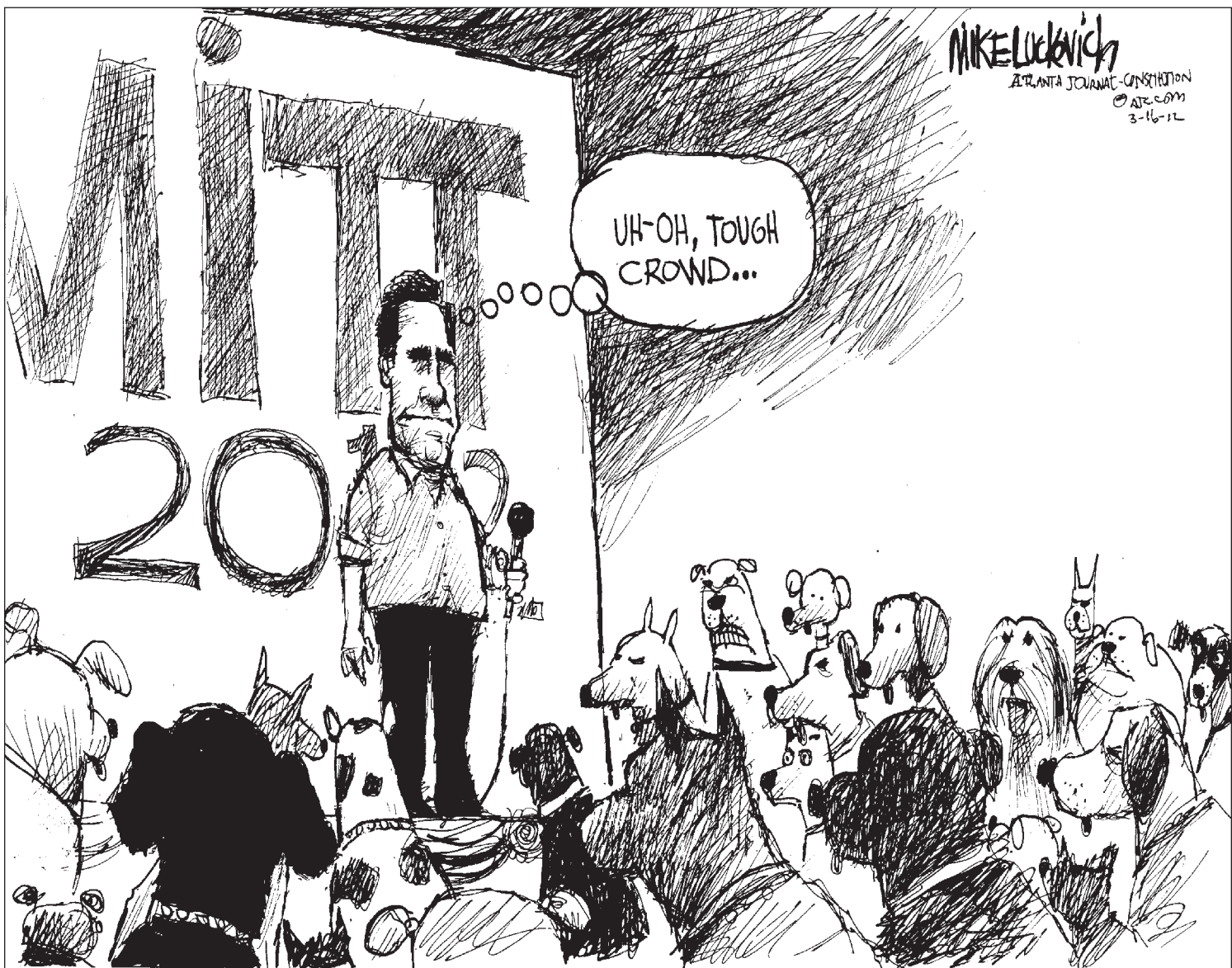
An apocryphal Harry Truman quote has it that "if you want a friend in Washington, get a dog." He probably should have specified a breed, such as a collie or a German shepherd. Z.Z., by contrast, was described to me by one of her trainers as a prostitute (the trainer used a different word): She places her loyalty with whoever is making her the best offer. In a town of lobbyists, this is all too familiar.

Don't get me wrong: I love the dog. I feed her the choicest foods, send her to canine camp and doggy day care, and chase her around the house like Inspector Clouseau and Cato.

But neither can I deny that Z.Z. has a great deal in common with a certain Republican front-runner — and not just because she is good-looking and well-trained. Mostly, it's that unsettling absence of loyalty. One recent morning, my family and I were puzzling over Z.Z.'s whereabouts because she hadn't been seen all night. Then we found out why: She had jumped in bed with our houseguest.

This is just what conservatives fear Romney will do in the fall.

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## EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

### 'Transitional care' bill deserves support

While some 18-year-olds might be well-prepared for self-sufficiency as young adults, most of us would agree many aren't.

Even the best of the best among young people have not had the life experience to successfully handle all the unexpected challenges that life can raise.

When such challenges occur, sons and daughters seek out parents for assistance, and many times financial help, in overcoming obstacles.

And though we might complain a bit when having to do so, deep inside we're glad they come to us and happy that we are able to come to their rescue.

But what happens when these challenges and obstacles occur for young adults who have "aged out" of foster care? Who is readily there to help them overcome a life emergency?

Under current law, at age 18 foster kids "age out" and no longer are eligible for the care provided them through the system. For those who exit foster care, the statistics stacked against their success as independent young adults aren't good. ...

Senate Bill 213, sponsored by Sen. Ken Winters, R-Murray, and unanimously passed by the Senate Health and Welfare Committee, seeks to improve these odds by making it easier for foster care youths to continue under state care until the age of 21 if they

choose to do so. ...

For those who choose to continue under foster care, the period between 18 and 21 years of age would be identified as "transitional living support" rather than "extended commitment" — a more fitting description of what actually is occurring for these young people. ...

SB 213 ... is legislation that would provide a very marginal continued foster care cost now, but one that would save multiples in social services costs later on. It is a bill that legislators should support and enact.

The News-Enterprise  
Elizabethtown, March 23

### Private college watchdog needs meat

Last year, a Kentucky House bill to toughen oversight of the state's for-profit or proprietary colleges met a stonewall in the Senate.

Then came a state audit that was harshly critical of the Board for Proprietary Education, whose majority works for the for-profit colleges it purports to monitor. The findings of the audit were so appalling that only the word "purports" could apply to the workings of the group.

In the current legislative session, House Bill 308, a scaled-back version of the previous bill, one that would nevertheless strengthen oversight of the schools, made it out of the Democratic-dominated House and to the Republican-dominated Senate,

where the chamber's Education Committee unanimously passed it.

That's very good news.

Now, the full Senate needs to follow suit and approve the legislation, which would create an independent commission to replace the board in overseeing profit colleges that offer two-year degrees in Kentucky.

Although many fine institutions that offer those degrees provide quality educations, a number of them have made news in the past several years for predatory practices, including cheating students on textbooks and financial aid, misrepresenting job placement rates and creating high default rates on student loans — and tougher oversight was and is needed.

The foundations in this bill offer an opportunity to improve the mechanisms to prevent or to address such problems, and to build further upon in the future. ...

The bill also improves the complaint committee that's part of the commission, and doesn't allow board members who represent for-profit schools to chair the committee — also a break from the old rules.

Rep. Reginald Meeks, D-Louisville, who backed the for-profit college measures last year and this year, said passage of this bill would "begin the process" of having more access to and oversight of what proprietary colleges are doing. ...

Politics is said to be the art of the possible. It is possible for everyone to agree on this bill — and they should.

The Courier-Journal  
Louisville, March 24

# The language of assimilation

CHICAGO — Back in the mid-1700s, German immigrants were the bane of my favorite founding father, Benjamin Franklin, who believed they'd never assimilate into the predominant culture of the time.

Franklin believed the immigrants were "generally of the most ignorant, stupid sort of their own nation" and thus unable and unwilling to learn English.

"As few of the English understand the German language, and so cannot address them either from the press or the pulpit, 'tis almost impossible to remove any prejudice they once entertain," he wrote, complaining that few of their children were taught English, they imported books from Germany, printed materials in their native language and even "the signs in our streets have inscriptions in both languages, and in some places only German."

"They began of late all their bonds and other legal writings in their own language, which (tho' I think it ought not be) are allowed good in our courts, where the German business so increases, that there's continual need of interpreters," Franklin railed. "I suppose in a few years they will also be necessary in the Assembly, to tell one half of our legislature what the other half says."

Harrumph.

I wish that the sweet Dr. Franklin could come to the future and see what's become of

those newcomers who so threatened his vision of an English-speaking America.

Today, according to a Bloomberg compilation of data from the Census Bureau's 2010 American Community Survey, more than half of the nation's 3,143 counties contain a plurality of people who describe themselves as German-American. The number of German-Americans rose by 6 million during the last decade to 49.8 million, almost matching the 50.5 million Hispanics who call the U.S. home.

And guess what? According to the most recent census figures on multilingual households, of the 1.1 million people who speak German at home, less than 5 percent don't speak English well or at all.

This is one of America's greatest immigrant success stories, right? You don't think that, during Oktoberfests held annually across the country, attendants make fun of or look down on German-Americans who don't sprechen sie Deutsch, do you? I've never heard of such a thing.

So how could it be that if a Latino makes it to the big time, he or she catches flack for not speaking Spanish?

This is exactly what has happened to the Boston Fire Department's new second in command, Steve Abaira, who last year became the city's first Hispanic chief and the highest-ranking Latino in the department's history.

Recently, The Boston Herald reported the "surprising news" that — gasp! — the Miami-born Abaira doesn't speak Spanish.

Depending on which news site you read about this supposedly startling discovery, the comments range from discussions of to-

kenism and bitterness about affirmative action to complaints that it should be no surprise — or big deal — that a Latino doesn't speak Spanish.

Huffington Post's Latino Voices' story did an excellent job of balancing the competing ideas that retaining Latino culture and language is a positive thing with many Hispanics' fears that Spanish will eventually die out as a part of Latino identity. This story spurred a social media flurry of tweets and status updates with the angst-filled litmus-test question: "Does NOT speaking Spanish make you any less Latino?"

As my mostly monolingual Anglo husband — and co-parent to two boys whose Spanish-language vocabularies consist mainly of the labels on the popular Mexican bingo game called "Loteria" — would say: "Ay, dios mio!"

If you even have to ask the language questions, then you really don't get what being an American is all about. The legacy of Latinos in the U.S., as proved by all descendants of immigrants from the Founding Fathers on down, is to become one from many.

Yes, a few things from the "homeland," including language, are lost while much more is gained in the "Promised Land" our immigrant forefathers and mothers sacrificed so much to reach.

A Hispanic fire chief in super-Irish Boston who can't speak Spanish to its burgeoning Latino population got hired for his skills and not his ability to speak a foreign language. Ben Franklin would be so proud.

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# Community Calendar

## TODAY

— Clark County Extension District Board meeting, 12:30 p.m., Clark County Extension Office, 1400 Fortune Drive.

— Winchester Rotary Club meeting, noon, Winchester Country Club.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 31

— Democratic Precinct Conventions, 10 a.m., at precinct polling locations.

— Gold Rush Relay, benefitting Relay for Life, 1-4 p.m., Trinity Church of God Fellowship Hall. Refreshments available. Bring old gold jewelry and trade it for cash.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 1

— Easter pictures from Kendall Ashton Photography, with 50 percent of proceeds going to Relay for Life, noon-4 p.m., The Path on Boonesboro Road. Call 749-6288 for an appointment.

— Fundraiser for SIDS research, The Path, Boonesboro Road, 2-5 p.m. Events include 5K run/walk, silent auction and balloon release, in honor of Weston Clark Reeves. For more information, visit [www.facebook.com/events/154226581320745](http://www.facebook.com/events/154226581320745).

## MONDAY, APRIL 2

— Free AARP tax preparation, Central Baptist Church Annex, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

— NAMI Winchester support group meetings for those affected by mental illness and their families and friends, 7 p.m., Victory Heights Center for Achievement, 150 Maryland Ave.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 3

— Celebrate Recovery, 7 p.m., Calvary Christian Church, 15 Redwing Drive, entrance C. A program based on the 12 steps and the eight Beatitudes for any hurt, habit or hang-up with support for family members, as well as Celebration Station for kids and The Landing for teens. For more information, call Dickie at 744-0817. Meetings are every Tuesday.

— Free AARP tax preparation, Central Baptist Church Annex, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

— Clark County Homemakers Council meeting, 6 p.m., Clark County Extension Office, 1400 Fortune Drive.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

— TLC meeting, Garden Girls Cafe, 1 p.m.

## MONDAY, APRIL 9

— Conkwright Middle School cheerleading parent meeting/cheer clinic, 6-8 p.m. For fifth, sixth and seventh grade students.

— Winchester-Clark County Parks and Recreation swimming clinic, 6:45-8 p.m., every Monday and Wednesday through May 16, for all age groups and abilities. Call 744-9554 for more information.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 10

— Celebrate Recovery, 7 p.m., Calvary Christian Church, 15 Redwing Drive, entrance C. A program based on the 12 steps and the eight Beat-



Jill Pickett/The News-Enterprise

Jennifer Hornback smiles during an interview Saturday at her mother's home in Elizabethtown. Hornback lives at a medical rehabilitation facility in Lexington as she continues to recover from the injuries sustained in a car wreck in 2009.

# Long road to recovery

## Struggle with brain injury is a warning for young drivers

By Amber Coulter  
The News-Enterprise

For Jennifer Hornback, graduation and prom season bring back thoughts of a vehicle collision she can't remember and the consequences she'll deal with for the rest of her life.

Jennifer, 20, has lived in a medical rehabilitation facility in Lexington since a head-on collision near Rineyville just more than three years ago left her in serious condition, in a coma and with a traumatic brain injury.

Kentucky State Police said Jennifer was eastbound on Ky. 1600 on March 2, 2009, when a westbound vehicle crossed the center line and collided with the Mazda pickup she was driving. Jennifer wasn't wearing a seat belt and was airlifted to University Hospital in Louisville, according to police.

Jennifer remembers being a senior at Central Hardin High School, where she played on the basketball team. She remembers going out with friends, partying and skipping school, thinking she had the rest of her life to make up for poor decisions.

Then, there's a blank period in her memories, filled with hazy conversations with people at the hospital that she thought were dreams after coming out of a 47-day coma.

"I don't remember the accident, and I've never met the lady who hit me," she said. "All I know is her name, a name that will be etched in my mind forever, but I forgive her because people make mistakes every day."

Jennifer doesn't know whether the other driver, Jessica L. Christie, of Elizabethtown, was practicing any unsafe driving habits at the time of the crash. No charges

were filed against her.

Regardless, Jennifer wants her situation to be a cautionary tale as young people celebrate the end of the school year. She wants students who might be living life as she lived hers to make good decisions, such as driving sober and not texting while driving.

"As a teenager, I thought I was invincible," she said. "I never thought anything bad could happen to me."

Half of traumatic injuries are the result of vehicle collisions, Jennifer said.

She never gets in a car now without putting on a seat belt.

"I now realize that I'm not invincible," she said. "I have worked hard to get back most of what I lost. I'm not ever going back to that place again. I'm just going forward."

Jennifer's mother, Donna Hornback of Elizabethtown, said she had been living one minute at a time from the moment a school official told her to get to the hospital until her daughter woke from a coma.

Then, she and other loved ones had to explain to Jennifer that life never would be exactly the same again.

"There was just so much to tell," she said.

Jennifer had adjustments to make after waking up from her coma. She had gone from a self-sufficient teenager to being unable to hold up her head and unable to feed, bathe or dress herself, go to the bathroom alone, or perform any of the other necessary tasks she never thought would be lost to her.

She tried to use sign language with her one responding arm to communicate, but her mother did not understand her. She tried to write, but the words came out as

scribbles on paper.

"It was something I had to live with," she said. "At the time, I didn't understand."

During her six weeks of inpatient care, Jennifer went through a period of anger and depression common to individuals who suffer traumatic brain injuries and said hurtful things to people she knew.

Surgeries since the crash have included two brain drains, two on the torn muscles in her eyes, a stent where her trachea collapsed and spinal cord repairs.

That didn't stop Jennifer from working in physical therapy and rehabilitation, coupled with her brain healing itself, to regain as much of her physical and mental skills as possible.

Seeing other people in rehabilitation struggling with their own challenges also inspired her to push herself through the hard work of vocal exercises, arm stretches, workout machines, journaling, cognitive group and debate group needed to restore her ability to take care of herself.

She has regained the use of her left leg and can walk.

Jennifer also has gained confidence that allows her to be in public, something she couldn't bear to do after coming home after the crash. She especially hated to be out in Elizabethtown, where people knew her and might feel sorry for her.

"People are going to stare, no matter where you go. I've learned to ignore it," she said, then pointed at her mother. "She hasn't so much."

Doctors at first predicted Jennifer's situation would not improve to the point that it has.

The young woman isn't finished recovering her abilities and her future. She plans to attend college one day and is considering a career in physical therapy or sports medicine.

# Spring springs too early this year

By Lauren Hallow  
The State Journal

This year's unusually warm weather has brought some concerns to farmers and horticulturalists on whether the summer-like start to spring will affect the commonwealth's abundance of spring flowers and crops.

The media reported that Churchill Downs horticulture director Matt Bizzell said the warm winter means the track's tulips will bloom about two weeks too early for the first Saturday in May, meaning derby goers won't see the 6,000 to 12,000 tulips typically blooming at the track during Derby Week.

Over at the Kentucky State University Research and Demonstration Farm, Dr. Kirk Pomper has noticed a similar pattern.

"I've been here 14 years, and this is, I think, the earliest flowering I can remember," said Pomper, KSU's principal investigator of horticulture. "We're probably three weeks ahead of normal."

The farm's peach trees, which typically bloom later in the spring, have been in full bloom "four or five days now," Pomper said.

Pomper's pawpaws are also in full bloom, something he said he isn't used to seeing until toward the end of April.

While the blooming farm makes for a pretty picture,

people like Pomper know all too well what those trees will look like if temperatures drop.

"We often get these cold periods where you get spring frost," Pomper said. "If we're in bloom when these frosts hit, it's going to be quite damaging."

Pomper said the flowers are more susceptible to freeze damage than the fruit, which tends to be more cold hardy. If a frost hits while the trees are in bloom, it's likely that fruit won't develop.

For those who grow fruit at home, Pomper said they may be able to prevent frost damage by throwing a blanket over their buds. But for commercial growers, horticulturalists are saying there's really not much they can do, something that concerns the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's Adam Watson.

"If those flower buds are damaged ... then we'll have an impact on the size of crop that Kentucky producers can make," said Watson, who oversees horticulture.

"Fruit trees are typically just at the mercy of the weather ... it's one of those things where if you have climate-like effects from weather like this, it's not anything that can be addressed easily."

But frost damage might not be something Watson and others will have to address, according to the National Weather Service.

# 25 Years Ago

## March 30, 1987

STOWE, Vt. (AP) — Maria von Trapp, whose marriage to a baron and escape from the Nazis with their children inspired "The Sound of Music," died Saturday. She was 82. The native of Austria was preparing to be a nun when she was hired as a governess to the widower Baron Georg von Trapp's seven children. She and von Trapp later married and had three more children.

The second annual Easter parade will be held Saturday, April 11 at 11 a.m. in downtown Winchester. Featured during the pa-

rade will be Eggetha, a giant Easter egg.

The Rockets, Civitan youth league tournament champions, are Thomas Jones, Mike Dulin, Stephon Bruton, John Allen, Edmund Luxmore, Neil Clay, Eric Puckett, assistant coach Mike Clark, Kenny Davis, Donna Finney, Kevin Richardson, Antonio Garrard, Chris Cantor, assistant coach Danny Neely and head coach Donnie Parsons.

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## The Winchester Sun

## Lady Antebellum playing Ind. prom

LOUISVILLE (AP) — The country music trio Lady Antebellum will put on a benefit concert for a tornado-wrecked southern Indiana town after holding a prom event for the town's high school juniors and seniors.

The group says the May 16 events for Henryville High School students will be at the KFC Yum! Center in

nearby Louisville. The group says all concert proceeds will go to a relief fund for the town that was heavily damaged by the March 2 wave of tornadoes that killed 13 people in Indiana and 24 in Kentucky.

Lady Antebellum announced Henryville as winner of its "Own the Night" prom contest last week after schools from as far away as

northern Wisconsin submitted YouTube videos on Henryville's behalf.

Concert ticket information will be released in the coming weeks.

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3-30 CRYPTOQUOTE

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**Yesterday's Cryptoquote:** THE ROAD LEADING TO A GOAL DOES NOT SEPARATE YOU FROM THE DESTINATION; IT IS ESSENTIALLY A PART OF IT. — CHARLES DE LINT







# Mad dash for Easter eggs



AP photo

Children gather eggs during the annual Easter Egg Dash at Stuart Nelson Park in Paducah on Tuesday.

## Winchester Scholastic Chess League standings

### Individual standings

K3 Section:					
Pos.	Prev.	Name	Team	02/18/12	03/17/12
1	1	Gabe Napier	TRAPP	4.0	4.0
2	3	Charles Weber	HOME	-	3.5
3	4	Kristen Griffett	FANNIE	-	-
4	5	Jackson Weber	HOME	-	-
5	6	Autumn Brinegar	FANNIE	3.5	1.0
6	8	Barbara Sheehan	TRAPP	1.5	1.0
7	11	Asani Stewart	FANNIE	-	3.5
8	7	Jodie Kane	FANNIE	3.0	-
9	10	Casada Homan	TRAPP	-	3.0
10	2	Noah Evan Katz	MAXWEL	-	-
11	9	Ezekiel Brown	MEADOW	-	-
12	12	Benjamin Bratten	STONEW	-	-
13	25	Ben Ditttrich	HOME	-	3.0
14	13	Ross Hillman	CRITTN	3.0	-
15	14	Aaron Courtntney	CRITTN	-	-
16	15	Austen Fellows	FANNIE	-	-
17	16	Luke Philip Nuzzo	STONEW	-	-
18	17	Tyler Moore	CRITTN	-	-
19	21	Anjel Katz	MAXWEL	0.0	1.0
20	18	Blake Embry	FANNIE	-	-
21	19	Ellie Robinson	FANNIE	-	-
22	20	Reed T Richardson	STONEW	-	-
23	22	Brooklyn McKinney	FANNIE	-	-
24	23	Lucas Janes	HANNAM	-	-
25	24	Chloe Tipton	FANNIE	-	-

K5 Section:					
Pos.	Prev.	Name	Team	02/18/12	03/17/12
1	1	Cody Crittenden	CRITTN	-	-
2	2	Jacob Wilson	CRITTN	2.5	-
3	3	Austin Creech	CRITTN	2.0	-
4	6	Noah Evan Katz	MAXWEL	2.5	2.0
5	4	Cole Fulk	CRITTN	2.0	-
6	5	Seth Sutton	CRITTN	-	-
7	7	James Lin	TRAPP	3.0	1.0
8	8	Jacob Michels	CRITTN	2.5	-
9	9	London Fry	CRITTN	-	-
10	10	Brian Wallace	CRITTN	2.5	-
11	11	Cody Etler	CRITTN	2.5	-
12	12	Riley Hartman	CRITTN	-	-
13	13	Ross Hillman	CRITTN	-	-
14	14	Elison Van Scoy	MARIEM	4.5	-
15	21	Jaylan Homan	TRAPP	-	1.5
16	15	Peter Wilson	PROREG	-	-
17	16	Ashwin Kamineni	MEADOW	4.0	-
18	17	Jeb Bradley	HOME	2.0	-
19	23	Dylan Jones	TRAPP	1.0	1.0
20	18	Akhil Rokkam	MIDDLET	3.5	-
21	19	Ya'EL Brown	MEADOW	-	-
22	20	Jaiden Baldwin	CRITTN	-	-
23	22	Timothy Moore	CRITTN	-	-
24	31	Zach Ditttrich	HOME	-	2.5
25	24	LaMargaret Johnson	MEADOW	-	-
26	25	Logan Newby	CRITTN	-	-
27	26	Carrie Cockerham	TRAPP	-	-
28	27	Chase Nigg	CRITTN	-	-
29	28	Josie Camacho	CRITTN	-	-
30	29	Alex Ballard	FANNIE	-	-
31	30	Madison Ballard	FANNIE	-	-

K8 Section:					
Pos.	Prev.	Name	Team	02/18/12	03/17/12
1	1	Nicholas S Dennis	LEXLAT	5.0	-
2	5	Jeff Osbourn	HOME	-	5.0
3	2	John Janes	CONKW	2.0	-
4	9	Jalen Caldwell	CLARKC	-	3.0

5	3	Micah Everling	HOME	4.0	-
6	4	Simon Beach	LTMS	-	-
7	6	Grant Welling	WOODFD	3.0	-
8	14	Benjamin Lindemuth	HOME	-	3.0
9	7	C Riemenschneider	CONKW	-	-
10	8	Dylen Fellows	CONKW	-	-
11	10	Elisha Witt	CONKW	-	-
12	11	Anna Bast	STAGAT	-	-
13	12	Jacob Bradley	HOME	1.0	-
14	13	Ellora Kamineni	WINBRNM	0.5	-

K12 Section:					
Pos.	Prev.	Name	Team	02/18/12	03/17/12
1	1	Bruce W Horseman	MONTGO	-	4.0
2	2	Benji Headly	LEXCAT	-	-
3	3	Jonah E Blackburn	independent	-	-
4	4	Robert Tho Murphy	MONTGO	-	-
5	5	Bradley Combs	MONTGO	-	-
6	6	Jason Christian	CDAYT	-	-
7	7	Nathaniel C Eaves	MONTGO	-	-
8	8	Jonah Bradley	HOME	-	-
9	9	Eli Manning	MONTGO	-	-
10	10	Chris Roberts	CDAYT	-	-

Team standings			
Section K3			
Pos.	Prev.	Team	Total Pts.
1	1	TRAPP	40.5
2	2	FANNIE	36.5
3	3	HOMESCHOOL	28.5
4	5	STONEW	8.0
5	6	CRITTN	7.5
6	4	MAXWEL	7.0
7	7	MEADOW	5.0
8	8	HANNAM	0.5

Section K5			
Pos.	Prev.	Team	Total Pts.
1	1	CRITTN	46.0
2	2	TRAPP	19.0
3	-	MAXWEL	10.5
4	3	MEADOW	10.0
5	6	HOMESCHOOL	6.5

Section K8			
Pos.	Prev.	Team	Total Pts.
1	3	HOMESCHOOL	16.5
2	1	CONKW	14.0
3	2	LEXLAT	10.0
4	4	LTMS	4.0
5	5	CLARKC	3.0
6	6	STAGAT	1.5

Section K12			
Pos.	Prev.	Team	Total Pts.
1	1	MONTGO	28.0
2	2	LEXCAT	5.0
3	3	CDAYT	3.0
4	4	HOMESCHOOL	2.5

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# Plenty to do for Mega Millions winners

The Associated Press

With a half-billion-dollar multistate lottery jackpot up for grabs, plenty of folks are fantasizing about how to spend the money. But doing it the right way — protecting your riches, your identity and your sanity — takes some thought and planning. Making sure you don't blow the nation's largest-ever lottery jackpot within a few years means some advice is in order before the Mega Millions drawing Friday, especially if you're really, really, really lucky.

Q: What do I do with the ticket?

A: Before anything else, sign the back of the ticket. That will stop anyone else from claiming your riches if you happen to drop it while you're jumping up and down. Then make a photocopy and lock it in a safe. At the very least, keep it where you know it's protected. A Rhode Island woman who won a \$336 million Powerball jackpot in February hid the ticket in her Bible before going out to breakfast.

Q: What next?

A: Relax; breathe; take time to think about your next move. Don't do anything you'll regret for the next 30 years, like calling your best friend or every one of your aunts, uncles and cousins. It doesn't take long to be overwhelmed by long-lost friends, charities

and churches wanting to share your good fortune. You've waited a lifetime to hit the jackpot; you can wait a few days before going on a spending spree.

Q: So whom should I tell first?

A: Contacting a lawyer and a financial planner would be a lot wiser than updating your Facebook status. Make sure it's someone you can trust and, it's hoped, dealt with before. If you don't have anyone in mind, ask a close family member or friend. Oklahoma City attorney Richard Craig, whose firm has represented a handful of lottery winners, says it's essential to assemble a team of financial managers, tax experts, accountants and bankers.

Q: Remind me, how much did I win?

A: As it stands now, the Mega Millions will pay out a lump sum of \$359 million before taxes. The annual payments over 26 years will amount to just over \$19 million before taxes.

Q: How much will I pay in taxes?

A: This partly depends on where you live. Federal tax is 25 percent; then there's your state income tax. In Ohio, for example, that's another 6 percent. And you might need to pay a city tax depending on the local tax rules. So count on about a third of your winnings going to the government.

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**Test Your Defensive Play**

You are West, defending against Four Spades, and here is what you see after leading the king of hearts:

**NORTH**  
♠ A K 10  
♥ 10 6 3  
♦ K 7  
♣ Q J 8 6 2

**WEST**  
♠ 5  
♥ K Q 9 7 4  
♦ A J 8 3  
♣ A 7 5

The bidding has been:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ Dble Pass  
2 ♣ Pass 4 ♣

South wins your king-of-hearts lead with the ace, East playing the five, and cashes the A-K-10 of spades, East playing the 4-2-6. On a low club lead from dummy, East plays the four and declarer the king. How would you defend?

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hands where the contract is indefensible. You can't win by conceding defeat. All your thoughts should be concentrated on hands where South might have four losers.

You know from the bidding and East's high-low in trumps (indicating three of them) that South started with six trumps. He therefore has 10 tricks — six spades, two clubs, a heart and a diamond — after you take the ace of clubs, assuming you give him a chance to cash them.

However, you may be able to score four tricks before South can score 10 — if the cards are divided as you must hope they are. Since you are obviously limited to one trick in clubs and one in diamonds, your only chance is to win two heart tricks. This is possible in only one case, namely, if East started with specifically the J-5 of hearts. Since this is your only hope, you should defend on that basis.

Accordingly, you win the club at trick five and return a low heart. You are rewarded when East wins with the jack and returns a diamond to your ace, and you cash the queen of hearts to put the contract down one.

In the actual deal, South had:  
♠ QJ9873 ♥ A82 ♦ Q5 ♣ K3 and was defeated by the low heart return.

**WORD SLEUTH** • — STEW

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J I G F D C A N E K C I H C Y

Thursday's unlisted clue: DOG

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.  
Friday's unlisted clue hint: A HARE

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Booyah Fish Lamb Rhyme  
Brown Highland Mulligan White  
Brunswick Hobo Oyster

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS** 40 Raced writer  
1 “Candida” Minusculer  
5 Whole bunch  
9 Sagas  
11 Car parts  
13 Ocean arm  
14 Quartet member  
15 Big head  
16 Requests  
18 Wild ones  
20 Baseball’s Mel  
21 Make fresh  
22 Bikini tops  
23 Hwys.  
24 Braille unit  
25 Feel sorry for  
27 Stir  
29 Cabinet wood  
30 Page identifiers  
32 Acquitted  
34 Smidgen  
35 Score speed  
36 Childish comeback  
38 Laundry problem  
39 Canadian lout
- DOWN**  
1 Hog holders  
2 Plane site  
3 Varying wildly  
4 Minusculer  
5 Bad writers  
6 Alimony payers  
7 Ultimately good  
8 Jai alai ball  
10 Play places  
12 Classes  
17 Attach a patch  
19 Mayberry sheriff  
22 Italy shape  
24 “Camp-town Races” snippet  
25 Accords  
26 Keys  
27 Garden aid  
28 Gets up  
30 Fern part  
31 Yarn  
33 “... baked in —”  
37 King of France

SPIN LATER  
PINOT ATONE  
EXTRA COSTS  
CIO PREPPIE  
KEWPIE ACT  
RODS RES  
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40 41

**Sudoku**

4 2 3 8  
9 4 7 8 1  
6 8 3 1  
5 2 3  
8 1 2 4 7 6  
9 4 6 2  
3 6 1 4 8

Level: Beginner

**Zits**

"On the breast of her gown, in fine red cloth, appeared the letter A."

AN "A" ON HER BREAST. LIKE A TATTOO.  
A TATTOO PEEKING OUT FROM A BIKINI TOP.  
MAYBE A TOTALLY HOT LEATHER BIKINI WITH A TINK STUDD--

HOW'S "THE SCARLET LETTER" SO FAR?  
THOUGHT-PROVOKING.

**Baby Blues**

YOU'RE QUIET TONIGHT...

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BUY DISH SOAP SEW BUTTON ON HAMMIE'S COAT WEAN WREN HAIR CUTS EXERCISE VACCINATIONS TAXES

**Crankshaft**

SORRY, SIR... NONE OF THE MODELS ARE HOME RIGHT NOW.

Model HOME  
Caterpillars, Home & Garden Show

**The Phantom**

FIRST TIGER HAS REVEALED THE IDENTITY OF EL GUERRERO LATINO!  
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AND HE SAID M-MY FATHER... IS A CRIMINAL!?

**Dustin**

LISTEN, I'D LIKE TO GET THAT IPOD BACK.

IT'S... UM... ACTUALLY MY WIFE'S... I... UH... GAVE IT TO HER FOR HER BIRTHDAY.

AND NOW SHE'S GETTING A LITTLE HUNGRY.

HUNGRY?

WELL, YEAH. I MEAN, THE POOR WOMAN'S GOT NO BREAD OR MEAT LOAF ANYMORE.

**Pickles**

I GUESS I DO TEND TO TALK ABOUT THE PAST A LOT, DON'T I?  
YEAH, ALL THE TIME.

I PROBABLY SHOULD CONCENTRATE MORE ON THE FUTURE AND STOP LIVING IN THE PAST.

BUT THE THING IS, I REALLY LIKE THE PAST.

YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE HOW CHEAP GASOLINE IS THERE.

**Blondie**

I'M SICK OF HEARING IDLE CHIT-CHAT, GOSSIP, AND NAME-BABBLING DURING OFFICE HOURS!!

THE NEXT LAZY INGRATE I HEAR CHATTERING ABOUT NON-BUSINESS MATTERS WILL BE FIRED!!!

WHAM ABSOLUTELY

yo Dag-know any good lunch spots?  
do chickens have legs?  
WHEN DITHERS TALKS EMPLOYEES LISTEN

**Hi & Lois**

I THINK IT'S BETTER TO DO ONE THING WELL.

I AGREE.

BUT DRIBBLING AND TEXTING IS PRETTY AMAZING.

**Beetle Bailey**

PHWEEET!!  
RING DING DONG!  
HONK! HONK! BEEEEEP!!

NOW THEN...

HE CAN'T MAKE A SIMPLE REPORT WITHOUT A LOT OF BELLS AND WHISTLES

**Pardon My Planet**

ALWAYS REMEMBER, A MAN'S REACH SHOULD EXCEED HIS GRASP.

TONY ROBBINS' SHORT-LIVED SUMMER JOB

**Lockhorns**

"LEROY'S NOT A COMPLETE IDIOT... HE'S A WORK IN PROGRESS."

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, March 30, 2012:

This year you are direct and upbeat. You frequently are energized by the excitement that defines your life. However, you can and will become difficult if you are pushed or encounter controlling behavior. Consider walking away from manipulative people. Live your life well. Give your personal life higher priority. Build greater security through your finances, and also through a strong emotional bond. If you are single, you could meet someone very special after May. Date, but do not commit until 2013. If you are attached, you could get into arguments. Accept and respect your differences. As a result, both of you will come together and grow closer. CANCER can be irritating.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Others find you full of surprises; even you might be surprised by some of your choices. Someone attempts to control you, to no avail. You will discover other ways around this situation. Tonight: At home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Gracefully back away from an unpleasant conversation. You have the ability to get through a problem. Trust in your abilities, and you will gain. You are a firebrand, full of energy. You are a naturally optimistic leader. Tonight: Christen the weekend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Be more aware of your spending and your commitments. The unexpected occurs, and you

could be a bit shocked. You have the resilience to bounce back, should you so choose. You also might decide that you have had enough. Tonight: Indulge a little.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ You beam, and others respond. This celebratory mood sets the right tone for the weekend. Still, you have some hoops to jump through, which you will do successfully. Rethink a partnership with someone who can be very difficult. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Much goes through your mind. You might want to rethink your plans, especially if you don't feel up to snuff or just want some downtime. Do not push others too far, or you might not like the results. Tonight: Not to be found.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ You might need to be around crowds or handle a meeting or two. Put a distinct barrier between the day and the night. Once you get past another's resistance, you will discover how important it is to focus on a key goal. Tonight: The fun finds you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ You are on top of your responsibilities. Complete what you must, but also schedule some personal time. Others take their cue from you. Realize what your expectations are, and zero in on them. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Look at the big picture and where you are heading. You could be overwhelmed by everything that is going on. Do not hesitate to let someone know you need

some time off from the same old story. Tonight: Count on that special person.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Be direct with others. Playing games does not behoove you. Be aware of others and their implicit demands. Know when to establish boundaries. You might have to do this more than once. Tonight: Make nice.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You could be taken aback by everything that is happening with others. Could you possibly have triggered this behavior? Take into consideration how much you have been changing. People could be reacting to that and not be aware of what is triggering them. Tonight: Lighten up.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Focus on clearing out any errands or other not-so-exciting matters in order to really enjoy your weekend. Don't even give a difficult person or negative thoughts the time of day; relax instead. Tonight: Choose an activity that is totally nurturing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Think "forgiveness" when someone acts up. Why would you ruin your weekend with angry thoughts? Your creativity reaches a new level. Ask for more of the support you need to complete a project. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

BORN TODAY  
Singer Celine Dion (1968), blues singer-songwriter Eric Clapton (1945), painter Vincent van Gogh (1853)

**ANSWER BOX**

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1 2 4 6 9 8 3 5 7

— STEW

BRUNSWICK  
TATTOO  
HOG  
WHEEL  
YOLK  
OLIVE  
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# Contest winners

## Mini-Catapults and Trebuchets

### Distance

First place: Elena Guerra - 67 feet  
Second place: Wyatt Banks - 32 feet 5 inches  
Third place: Darby Manning - 25 feet 5 inches

### Miles Per Hour - Speed

First place: Isaiah Williams - 20.5 mph  
Second place: Anthony Kirk - 18.6 mph  
Third place: Elizabeth Hardiman - 17.2 mph

## Small Catapults and Trebuchets

### Distance

First place: Jarred Redmon - 132 feet  
Second place: Lindsey Highley - 75 feet 1 inch  
Third place: Caroline Miller - 70 feet 2 inches

### Miles Per Hour - Speed

First place: Caleb May - 55.9 mph  
Second place: Lindsey Highley - 55.3 mph  
Third place: Emma Mork - 42.2 mph

## Medium Catapults and Trebuchets

### Distance

First place: Kaylee Potts - 83 feet 6 inches  
Second place: Dalton Carter - 69 feet 6 inches  
Third place: Sydney Taylor - 65 feet 3 inches

### Miles Per Hour - Speed

First place: Kalyee Potts - 25 mph



Second place: Dalton Carter - 24.9 mph  
Third place: Sydney Taylor - 24.7 mph

## Large Catapults and Trebuchets

### Distance

First place: Jacob Green - 47 feet eight inches  
Second place: Keyton Rogers - 37 feet 7 inches  
Third place: Jacob Little - 34 feet

### Miles Per Hour - Speed

First place: Jacob Little - 33 mph  
Second place: Keyton Rogers - 23.6 mph  
Third place: Jacob Green - 14.1 mph

### Coollest Design

First place: Lela Egger  
Second place: Haley Hounshell  
Third place: Joshua Anderson

James Mann/jmann@winchestersun.com  
Sisters Brennan, left, and Brooke Woosley launch marbles from the miniature catapults they built for their pre-algebra class taught by Stacey McKenzie at Conkwright Middle School. Brennan's blue marble can be seen in front of the Conkwright T-shirt and Brooke's yellow marble can be seen in front of the black coat. Forty-eight seventh graders built either catapults or trebuchets of different sizes and tested their designs. Students collected data on their flight distance and air time and used the information to calculate the speed the object was flying.

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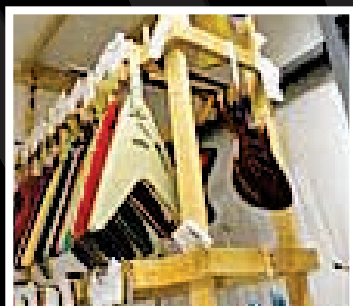
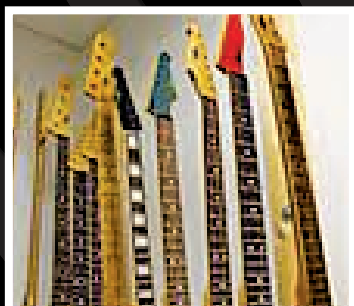
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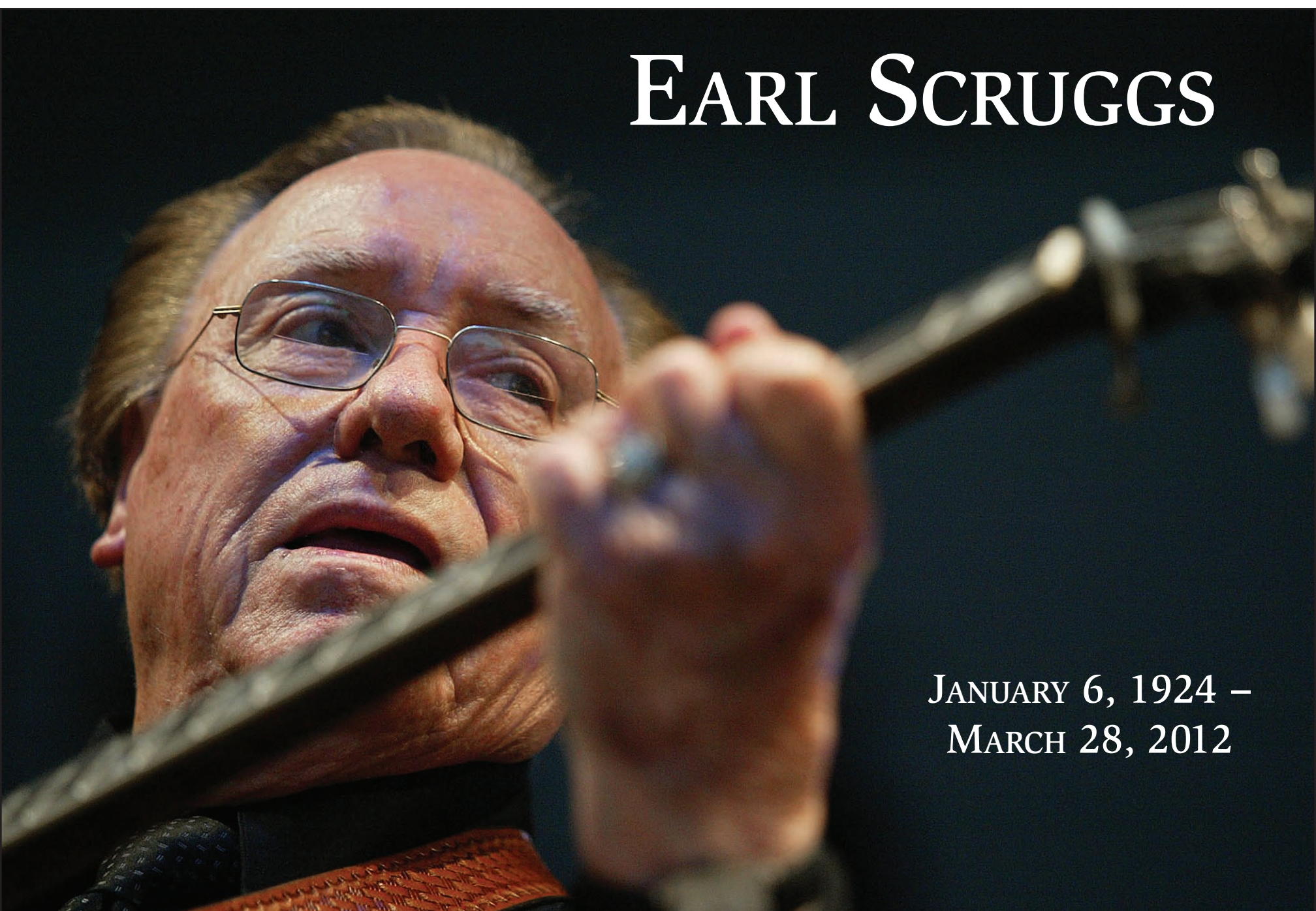
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## EARL SCRUGGS

JANUARY 6, 1924 —  
MARCH 28, 2012

# A legend has passed

Earl Scruggs pioneered banjo, modern bluegrass

By Chris Talbott  
The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — It is impossible to overstate the importance of Earl Scruggs to American music. A pioneering banjo player who helped create modern country music, his sound is instantly recognizable and as intrinsically wrapped in the tapestry of the genre as Johnny Cash's baritone or Hank Williams' heartbreak.

Scruggs passed away Wednesday morning at 88 of natural causes. The legacy he helped build with bandleader Bill Monroe, guitarist Lester Flatt and the rest of the Blue Grass Boys was evident all around Nashville, where he died in an area hospital. His string-bending, mind-blowing way of picking helped transform a regional sound into a national passion.

"It's not just bluegrass, it's American music," bluegrass fan turned country star Dierks Bentley said. "There's 17- or 18-year-old kids turning on today's country music and hearing that banjo and they have no idea

where that came from. That sound has probably always been there for them and they don't realize someone invented that three-finger roll style of playing. You hear it everywhere."

Country music has transcended its regional roots, become a billion-dollar music and tourist enterprise, and evolved far beyond the classic sound Monroe and The Blue Grass Boys blasted out over the radio on The Grand Ole Opry on Dec. 8, 1945. Though he would eventually influence American culture in wide-ranging ways, Scruggs had no way of knowing this as he nervously prepared for his first show with Monroe. The 21-year-old wasn't sure how his new picking style would go over.

"I'd heard The Grand Ole Opry and there was tremendous excitement for me just to be on The Grand Ole Opry," Scruggs recalled during a 2010 interview at Ryman Auditorium, where that "big bang" moment occurred.

"I just didn't know if or how well I'd be accepted because there'd never been anybody to play banjo like me here. There was Stringbean and Grandpa Jones. Most of them were comedians."

There was nothing jokey about the way  
See SCRUGGS, B2



Funeral services for Earl Scruggs will be Sunday in Nashville.

An obituary posted by the Spring Hill Funeral Home states the funeral will be conducted at Ryman Auditorium, from where

the Grand Ole Opry was broadcast for many years. The service will begin at 2 p.m.

Visitation at the funeral home was scheduled for Friday and Saturday 3 p.m.-7 p.m.

The family has asked that donations go to the Country Music Hall of Fame & Museum in Nashville or The Earl Scruggs Center in Shelby, N.C.

— AP



# SCRUGGS

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Scruggs attacked his “fancy five-string banjo,” as Opry announcer George D. Hayes called it. In a performance broadcast to much of the country but unfortunately lost to history, he scorched the earth and instantly changed country music. With Monroe on mandolin and Flatt on guitar, the pace was a real jolt to attendees and radio listeners far away, and in some ways the speed and volume he laid down predicted the power of electric music.

Tut Taylor, a friend of the Scruggs family who heard that first performance on the radio in his Georgia home, called it an unbelievably raucous moment “a lot like some of the rock ‘n’ roll things they had, you know. But this was a new sound. It was a pretty sound and a welcome sound.”

Scruggs’ use of three fingers — in place of the limited clawhammer style once prevalent — elevated the banjo from a part of the rhythm section — or a even a comedian’s prop — to a lead instrument that was as versatile as the guitar and far more flashy.

Country great Porter Wagoner probably summed up Scruggs’ importance best of all: “I always felt like Earl was to the five-string banjo what Babe Ruth was to baseball. He is the best there ever was, and the best there ever will be.”

His string-bending and lead runs became known worldwide as “the Scruggs picking style” and the versatility it allowed has helped popularize the banjo beyond the traditional bluegrass and country forms. Today the banjo can be found in almost any genre, largely due to the way he freed its players to experiment and find new space.

That was exactly what Ralph Stanley had in mind when he first heard Scruggs lay it down. A legendary banjo player in his own right, Stanley said in a 2011 interview that he was inspired by Scruggs when he first heard him over the radio after returning home from military service in Germany.

“I wasn’t doing any playing,” Stanley said. “When I got discharged I began listening to Bill and Earl was with him. I already had a banjo at that time, but of course I wanted to do the three-finger roll. I knew Earl was the best, but I didn’t want to sound like him. I wanted to do that style, but I wanted to sound the way I felt and that’s what I tried to do.”

Dave Rawlings, a Nashville singer-songwriter and producer, says Scruggs remains every bit as influential and fresh seven decades later. He said it’s impossible to imagine nearly every guitar player mimicking Jimi Hendrix, but with Scruggs and the banjo, that’s the reality.

“The breadth and clarity of the instrument was increased so much,” he said. “He invented a style that now probably 75 percent of the people that play the banjo in the world play Scruggs-style banjo. And that’s a staggering thing to do, to play an instrument and change what everyone is doing.”

News of Scruggs’ passing quickly spread around the music world and over Twitter. Bentley and bluegrassers like Sam Bush and Jon Randall Stewart celebrated him at the Tin Pan South gathering of songwriters in Nashville and Eddie Stubbs dedicated the night to him on WSM, the home of the Grand Ole Opry. On the Internet, actor and accomplished banjo player Steve Martin called Scruggs, with whom he collaborated in 2001 on “Earl Scruggs and

Friends,” “the most important banjo player who ever lived.” Hank Williams Jr. sent prayers to the Scruggs family and Charlie Daniels tweeted, “He meant a lot to me. Nobody will ever play a five string banjo like Earl.”

Neil Portnow, president and CEO of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences said in a statement the four-time Grammy winner and lifetime achievement award recipient “leaves an indelible legacy that will be remembered for generations to come.”

Flowers will be placed on his star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame on Thursday morning.

Scruggs earned that star when he and Flatt weaved themselves into the fabric of American culture in the 1950s and ‘60s.

Flatt and Scruggs teamed as a bluegrass act after leaving Monroe from the late 1940s until breaking up in 1969 in a dispute over whether their music should experiment or stick to tradition. Flatt died in 1979.

They were best known for their 1949 recording “Foggy Mountain Breakdown,” played in the 1967 movie “Bonnie and Clyde,” and “The Ballad of Jed Clampett” from “The Beverly Hillbillies,” the popular TV series that debuted in 1962. Jerry Scoggins did the singing. For many viewers, the endlessly hummable theme song was their first introduction to country music.

Flatt and Scruggs’ popularity grew, and they even became a focal point of the folk music revival on college campuses. Scruggs’ wife, Louise, was their manager and was credited with cannily guiding their career as well as boosting interest in country music.

Later, as rock ‘n’ roll threatened country music’s popularity, Flatt and Scruggs became symbols of traditional country music.



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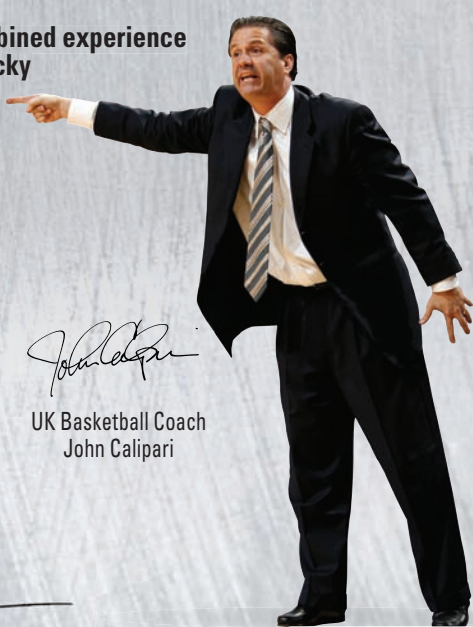
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## Notes

By The Associated Press

### Raised floor

Kentucky guard Doron Lamb loves it. Kansas counterpart Tyshawn Taylor isn't so sure.

In the cavernous Superdome in New Orleans, everyone has a different idea how shots will fall against a big backdrop that'll hold more than 74,000 fans and a raised floor smack in the middle of the venue.

Lamb's support of the venue doesn't come necessarily from shooting. Kentucky shot 50.5 percent in the Georgia Dome during the South Regional semifinals and finals, but that setup only included half the football venue. In Houston last year, which is oriented similarly to New Orleans, the Wildcats shot 33.9 percent in a one-point loss to Connecticut in the national semifinals.

"I like playing in football arenas because they're real big, and we've got a lot of fans that come support us. Our team is used to playing in them. It doesn't bother me," Lamb said Thursday. "Everybody says you shoot different, but it doesn't really bother me."

Taylor has no problem firing in big arenas. Accuracy is another matter.

"I think I have a lot of experience shooting in domes, just not a lot of experience making them, making threes anyway," Taylor said. "I personally have to understand that if my shots are not falling, I can do other things."

### Davis banged up

Kentucky forward Anthony Davis says his left knee is feeling better but still not completely healthy after he banged into a Baylor player last Sunday in the South Regional finals in Atlanta.

Davis, a first-team All-American, said he'd be fine but hasn't participated fully in practice since banging knees with Perry Jones III while driving to the basket in Kentucky's 82-70 win.

"I sat out some. Did some things. Rode the bike a little," Davis said a little bit more than 48 hours before the Wildcats play Louisville in the Final Four. "It's about 90 percent. I'll be fine. I've just got to keep icing it."

Davis crumpled to the court in Atlanta for a brief scare, but later returned and finished with 18 points and 11 rebounds.

### Whack-a-Withey

It still looks odd every time it happens.

An opposing player throws the ball down in frustration, or an opposing coach gets too upset with the officials, and a technical foul is called. Kansas coach Bill Self is asked for a shooter and out trots 7-foot center Jeff Withey.

So much for hack-a-Shaq. Or even whack-a-Withey.

This guy can make free throws.

"It's so demoralizing when you work your butt off and get to the line and miss three front-ends of one-and-ones. That's like an offensive turnover," Self said. "And Jeff's one of those guys, every time he goes to the line we think we'll get two."

He might not set any records, but Withey's 79.4-percent rate of return is second only to Connor Teahan, who has attempted just 31 foul shots all season.

"You know, I've always been a pretty good free throw shooter since my freshman year of high school. It's a ton of repetition," Withey said. "I know it's free points."

### Habla Espanol?

Louisville center Gorgui Dieng has one up on coach Rick Pitino.

When Pitino first met the 22-year-old from Senegal, Dieng spoke "very little English," the coach recalled Thursday. Two months later, Dieng had the language mastered.

Considering Pitino had been spending two hours a day trying to master Spanish for a side job as the coach of Puerto Rico's national team, it was a bit humbling.

"I couldn't get to his level," Pitino said.

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## NCAA Tournament: Kentucky vs. Louisville



Sun photo by Bill Thiry

Darius Miller goes in for a layup in Kentucky's win over Indiana last weekend at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta. Miller and the Wildcats will take on Louisville in the national semifinals Saturday at the Superdome in New Orleans.

# Cats ignoring hype

By Larry Vaught  
The Advocate-Messenger

NEW ORLEANS — Darius Miller is one player who understands the Kentucky-Louisville rivalry better than any other Wildcat who likely will play in Saturday's Final Four game against the Cardinals.

Miller not only grew up in Mason County — a pro-UK area — but he was recruited by Louisville coach Rick Pitino. He's also a senior and not only has played in four regular-season UK-Louisville games, but also watched many more as a youngster growing up in the Bluegrass.

"It is a huge rivalry for fans. The

rivalry is just huge," said Miller Thursday. "Everybody in the state enjoys it. Two very competitive teams and programs going at each other. Everybody has a lot of fun. Both teams normally are good, too, so that makes it more fun. It has been nice to grow up in an environment like this and see two very competitive programs go at it."

Miller says ignoring the rivalry



**Next game:** vs. UofL  
**When:** Saturday  
**Time:** 6:05 p.m.  
**Radio/TV:** CBS; 107.7 FM WKYN

hype has not been that difficult this week.

"It's really not that hard for us. We have been doing that all year," Miller said. "We keep it amongst the family and don't pay attention to outside sources. We know the game is huge for fans, but we just have to continue to prepare like we have all year. The first game (a 69-62 UK win in Rupp Arena Dec. 31) was a tough game. They did a great job playing with high intensity. Their press caused us to make a lot of turnovers (21). We've been working on that."

"We are two totally different teams. We know they are better. We

See HYPE, B4

## Q&A: UK guard Marquis Teague

NEW ORLEANS — Kentucky freshman point guard Marquis Teague knows he's not a Louisville fan favorite after he almost signed with the Cardinals before picking the Wildcats.

Teague will again be a focal point in Saturday's matchup between the two rivals at the Final Four and talked about his UK-Louisville ties Thursday:

**Were you close to committing to Louisville coming out of high school in Indianapolis?**

"Yes. There were a few times where I thought I was going to make the decision to play at Louisville, but my father told me to wait a little bit. I did and ended up changing my mind."

**Why did he choose Kentucky over Louisville?**

"It was a really difficult decision. I was very interested in both schools. I called coach (Rick) Pitino a week before and let him know, but at the end of the day I had to make the de-

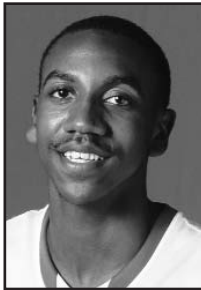
cision that was best for me. I felt like Kentucky was the best choice for me."

**What was the reaction from fans when he picked UK over Louisville?**

"There was a lot of anger (from Louisville fans). I heard a lot of things on Facebook and Twitter. Fans were really mad at me for coming to Kentucky, but I tried not to pay attention to it. They just called me a traitor and things like that."

**How big a factor in the decision was that coach John Calipari gets point guards to the NBA?**

"It's not that. He develops his players to their maximum. He gets all his players better. I just felt that he is the coach that can help me get to my highest potential, where I need to



Marquis Teague

be. I feel like I have got a lot better. I'm playing with a better pace right now, making better decisions and I know when to give the ball to one of my teammates and know when to score."

**How long did it take for you to believe in Calipari and what he told you?**

"I believed everything he said from day one. I listened to everything he told me and tried to do everything he said to help my team out as much as possible."

**How hard is it to play point guard for Calipari?**

"It's very difficult. It's a big challenge. If you are not ready for it, you won't be able to deal with it. Early on, he gets on your about a lot of little things that he wants you to fix so that you can become a better point guard and help your team win down the stretch when it matters most."

— Larry Vaught  
The Advocate-Messenger

## Dunbar blanks Cards

By Keith Taylor  
The Winchester Sun

The George Rogers Clark baseball team remained winless on the season Thursday with a 10-0 loss in five innings at Dunbar.

The Cardinals (0-4) managed just one hit — a single by Wes Lawwill — and committed five errors against the Bulldogs.

Logan McQuerry started and scattered eight hits and struck out one batter, while Jordan Williams relieved McQuerry and gave up a pair of hits and fanned one Dunbar hitter.

The hosts scored three runs in the third inning, added four more in the fourth to put the game away.

The junior varsity team posted a 9-5 victory.

Luke Sharrock paced the team with three hits, followed by Taylor Evans with two. Justin Maggard, Mason Hatton and Ryan Frye each had a hit.

### Softball

George Rogers Clark evened its record at 3-3 with a 13-0 shutout of Paris Thursday afternoon.

The Lady Cards ripped 12 hits, while pitcher Whitney Conkwright gave up one hit, hit one batter and collected seven strikeouts.

Kolbi Mitchell paced Clark's offense with four hits, including a double. Mitchell drove in four runs. Clark scored six times in the second inning, added four more runs in the third frame to break the game open. Madison Norton followed Mitchell with a pair of singles.

Sydney Anderson, Meg Terrell, Rebecca Strange, Erin Carrus, Abbi Puckett and Skye Skinner each had one hit. Anderson, Strange, Conkwright, Norton and Skinner each had at least one RBI.

Paris committed five mis-

cues.

### Tennis

The George Rogers Clark boys tennis team had an easy time with a 9-0 win over Paris Thursday.

In singles, Cameron Colvard defeated William Deseroux (6-1, 6-1), Ian Rowe beat Taylor Douglas (8-0), Christian Colvard beat Jorge Jackson (8-2), John Rupard defeated Scott Ramsey (8-0), Troy True defeated Tonbio Powell (8-0) and Brooks Harrison defeated Justin Moore (8-0).

In doubles, Rupard and Christian Colvard defeated Ethan Gibson and Douglas (8-2), True and Harrison defeated Michael Frye and Frankie Bradford (8-0) and Mark Thomas and Irvin Juarez beat Nick Lear and Garrett West (8-0).

### Track and Field

The George Rogers Clark Track Team opened its campaign with back to back meets in Montgomery County. The boys team placed first in the annual Mayor's Cup competition, while the girls team was runner up.

At the Montgomery County Invitational, the boys team placed fourth, while the girls team placed sixth.



# Tubby looking ahead after NIT setback

NEW YORK (AP) — Andre Ingram went up for a wide-open dunk in the final seconds of the first half with Minnesota still in striking distance.

The ball slipped out of his hands before he could slam it in, a fitting image for a frustrating night. The short-handed Golden Gophers' spirited run ended in the NIT title game with a 75-51 loss to Stanford on Thursday.

Minnesota committed 22 turnovers — including two to open the second half, when the Cardinal opened up a double-digit lead they held for the rest of the game.

The Golden Gophers started three freshmen, a sophomore and a junior because of injuries to two key seniors: Trevor Mbakwe and Ralph Sampson III.

"I learned that we have got some pretty good players," coach Tubby Smith said of their performance in the NIT before Thursday's final.

"We have them all coming back — that's the best thing I learned about our team," he added.

And Mbakwe, Minnesota's leading scorer, could be coming back, too, after being granted a sixth season of eligibility by the NCAA.

The final minutes turned into a celebration of 3-pointers and fast-break layups for third-seeded Stanford (26-11), players on the bench jumping up to cheer on nearly every possession.

Both teams got off to a hot start, but then the Cardinal turned up the defensive pressure, and when the Golden Gophers (23-15) had good looks, they couldn't make them. Sixth-seeded Minnesota missed 16 of its last 19 shots in the first half.

The Cardinal scored 12 straight points to go ahead 29-21 with 4 1/2 minutes left before the break. Aaron Bright had six points, including a four-point play, and an assist during the run, and Stanford drew three charges.

Bright finished with 15 points and six assists off the bench to earn most outstanding player honors.

"When he comes in, it gives us a big lift and it gives our kids confidence in what they can do," coach Johnny Dawkins said of Bright, Stanford's third-leading scorer.

In front of a sparse crowd at Madison Square Garden, the atmosphere on the court had some sizzle. Minnesota's Elliott Eliason and Stanford's Dwight Powell had to be separated after getting tangled up on a held ball late in the first half, and the two exchanged words again in the second. Powell was later called for a contact technical foul when the Gophers' Rodney Williams hit the floor face first after being whistled for fouling the Cardinal forward.

Williams stayed on the court for several minutes before walking off under his own power and returned to the game soon thereafter.

It was the fourth foul on Williams, who at that juncture had scored 12 of Minnesota's 30 points. Williams, who made the all-tournament team, finished with 12 to lead the Gophers.

# Scoreboard

## NIT

Semifinals  
At Madison Square Garden  
New York  
Tuesday, March 27  
Stanford 74, UMass 64  
Minnesota 68, Washington 67, OT  
Championship  
Thursday, March 29  
Stanford 75, Minnesota 51

## NCAA Tournament

EAST REGIONAL  
Regional Semifinals  
At TD Garden  
Boston  
Thursday, March 22  
Syracuse 64, Wisconsin 63  
Ohio State 81, Cincinnati 66  
Regional Championship  
Saturday, March 24  
Ohio State 77, Syracuse 70  
SOUTH REGIONAL  
Regional Semifinals  
At The Georgia Dome  
Atlanta  
Friday, March 23  
Baylor 75, Xavier 70  
Kentucky 102, Indiana 90  
Regional Championship  
Sunday, March 25  
Kentucky 82, Baylor 70  
MIDWEST REGIONAL  
Regional Semifinals  
At Edward Jones Dome  
St. Louis  
Friday, March 23  
North Carolina 73, Ohio 65, OT  
Kansas 60, N.C. State 57  
Regional Championship  
Sunday, March 25  
Kansas 80, North Carolina 67  
WEST REGIONAL  
Regional Semifinals  
Thursday, March 22  
At US Airways Center  
Phoenix  
Louisville 57, Michigan State 44  
Florida 68, Marquette 58  
Regional Championship  
Saturday, March 24  
Louisville 72, Florida 68  
FINAL FOUR  
At The Superdome  
New Orleans  
National Semifinals  
Saturday, March 31  
Kentucky (36-2) vs. Louisville (30-9), 6:09 p.m.  
Ohio State (31-7) vs. Kansas (31-6), 8:49 p.m.

## On the Air

Today  
GOLF  
8:30 a.m.  
TGC — European PGA Tour, Sicilian Open  
Noon  
TGC — LPGA, Kraft Nabisco Championship  
3 p.m.  
TGC — PGA Tour, Houston Open, second round  
6 p.m.  
TGC — LPGA, Kraft Nabisco Championship  
NBA  
8 p.m.  
ESPN — Dallas at Orlando  
10:30 p.m.  
ESPN — Portland at L.A. Clippers  
NHL  
10 p.m.  
NBCSN — Dallas at Vancouver  
TENNIS  
3 and 7 p.m.  
ESPN2 — ATP World Tour/WTA, Sony Ericsson Open

## Local Sports

Today  
PREP SOFTBALL  
6 p.m.  
George Rogers Clark vs. Jeffersontown  
9 p.m.  
George Rogers Clark vs. Russell

Saturday  
PREP BASEBALL  
Noon  
George Rogers Clark at Pulaski County  
COLLEGE BASKETBALL FINAL FOUR  
6:07 p.m.  
Kentucky vs. Louisville

National Championship  
Monday, April 2  
Semifinal winners, 9 p.m.

## NCAA Women

RALEIGH REGIONAL  
Regional Semifinals  
At PNC Arena  
Raleigh, N.C.  
Sunday, March 25  
Maryland 81, Texas A&M 74  
Notre Dame 79, St. Bonaventure 35  
Tuesday, March 27  
Regional Championship  
Notre Dame 80, Maryland 49  
KINGSTON REGIONAL  
Regional Semifinals  
At The Ryan Center  
Kingston, R.I.

Sunday, March 25  
UConn 77, Penn State 59  
Kentucky 79, Gonzaga 62  
Regional Championship  
Tuesday, March 27  
UConn 80, Kentucky 65  
FINAL FOUR  
At Pepsi Center  
Denver  
National Semifinals  
Sunday, April 1  
Baylor (38-0) vs. Stanford (35-1), 6:30 or 9 p.m.  
Notre Dame (34-3) vs. UConn (33-4), 6:30 or 9 p.m.  
National Championship  
Tuesday, April 3  
Semifinal winners, 8:30 p.m.

Derek Lamely 35-36-71 -1  
Jhonattan Vegas 35-37-72 E  
Stewart Cink 37-35-72 E  
Chris DiMarco 37-36-73 +1  
Tag Ridings 36-37-73 +1  
Roland Thatcher 34-39-73 +1  
David Mathis 33-40-73 +1  
D.A. Points 40-33-73 +1  
Brendan Steele 35-38-73 +1  
Andres Romero 37-36-73 +1  
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Stuart Appleby 37-37-74 +2  
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Nick O'Hern 38-38-76 +4  
Anders Hansen 39-38-77 +5  
Bob Estes 37-40-77 +5  
Matt Bettencourt 38-40-78 +6  
Michael Bradley 40-39-79 +7

## Golf

Shell Houston Open Par Scores  
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Thursday  
At Redstone Golf Club (Redstone Course)  
Humble, Texas  
Purse: \$6 million  
Yardage: 7,457 Par: 72 (36-36)  
Partial First Round  
92 players were unable to finish the round due to thunderstorms  
Carl Pettersson 31-34-65 -7  
Angel Cabrera 32-33-65 -7  
Jeff Maggert 33-33-66 -6  
Ricky Barnes 33-33-66 -6  
Bud Cauley 32-35-67 -5  
Keegan Bradley 31-36-67 -5  
James Driscoll 32-35-67 -5  
Pat Perez 34-34-68 -4  
Lee Westwood 34-34-68 -4  
Johnson Wagner 35-33-68 -4  
Steve Stricker 34-34-68 -4  
Rickie Fowler 33-35-68 -4  
Chad Campbell 35-34-69 -3  
Thomas Bjorn 33-36-69 -3  
Chris Stroud 36-33-69 -3  
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Hunter Mahan 36-33-69 -3  
Justin Leonard 33-36-69 -3  
Vaughn Taylor 36-33-69 -3  
Boo Weekley 34-35-69 -3  
John Mallingier 35-35-70 -2  
Shaun Micheal 35-35-70 -2  
John Merrick 35-35-70 -2  
Scott Piercy 35-35-70 -2  
Graeme McDowell 34-36-70 -2  
Sean O'Hair 35-35-70 -2  
Scott Verplank 34-36-70 -2  
Marc Leishman 36-34-70 -2  
Nathan Green 33-37-70 -2  
Ryan Moore 35-36-71 -1  
Omar Uresti 37-34-71 -1  
Ryan Palmer 35-36-71 -1

## NASCAR

Odds to Win Goody's Fast Relief 500

Jimmie Johnson 5-1  
Kyle Busch 6-1  
Denny Hamlin 6-1  
Tony Stewart 7-1  
Jeff Gordon 8-1  
Kevin Harvick 9-1  
Dale Earnhardt Jr. 15-1  
Carl Edwards 15-1  
Brad Keselowski 15-1  
Kasey Kahne 20-1  
Clint Bowyer 25-1  
Ryan Newman 25-1  
Jeff Burton 30-1  
Matt Kenseth 30-1  
Jamie McMurray 30-1  
A.J. Allmendinger 35-1  
Greg Biffle 35-1  
Martin Truex Jr. 35-1  
Kurt Busch 40-1  
Joey Logano 45-1  
Juan Pablo Montoya 45-1  
Brian Vickers 60-1  
Marcos Ambrose 80-1

# Sports briefs

## Baseball

The Conkwright Middle School baseball teams swept Georgetown to open the conference schedule this week at Lykins Park.

In the first game, the eighth-grade team posted a 10-0 victory and the seventh-grade team followed with a 5-2 win in the second game.

The eighth-graders turned two double plays, while Andrew Flynn faced the minimum batters allowing only one hit and striking out five.

The Cougars tallied seven hits, led by Colby Birkes and Flynn with two singles each.

The seventh-grade Cougars jumped out to an early 3-0 lead in the first inning to earn their second win of the year.

Alex Back started and went the distance pitching for Conkwright, allowing only two hits and striking out six. The Cougars were led by Caleb May's triple and Trenton Reddix's double.

Back, Austin Faris, Pierce Nisbit, Nick Ashcraft and Tyler Miles all added singles.

## Soccer

The Clark Middle School soccer teams lost a double-header to Bourbon County this week.

The Lady Eagles lost 3-1 and got its lone goal from Brooke Abner, while Sydney Melvin had seven saves.

The Eagles lost 2-1 and Hunter Caudill scored the goal on an assist from Jose Villa. Jermaine Barber had six saves.

# HYPE

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know they will be ready for us. We know we will be ready for them, so it should be an exciting game."

Miller says all four Final Four teams — Kansas and Ohio State meet in the other national semifinal — improved during the season.

"Players have gotten better. Every team continues to get better during the year," Miller said. "It should be a lot of fun, an up tempo game. Hopefully it will come down to an exciting game and we will do our best to win."

Miller would not be drawn into a controversy on which coach — UK's John Calipari or Pitino — would want to win the game the most.

"I have not really spent a lot of time with coach Pitino. I just know what he is like from when he recruited me. He seems like a good guy," Miller said. "I know coach Cal wants to beat anybody, not just coach Pitino. He has not changed his coaching style for this game. We have prepared the same way. I have not seen any extra initiative for coach Pitino."

Miller says he can't pick a favorite UK-Louisville game or memory.

"I have seen so many. I don't know if I could ever pick one out. It's a huge rivalry and I've been blessed to see a lot of games. Just the atmosphere is amazing. There have been a lot of good games. I cannot really pick one."

This is Miller's second straight Final Four — UK lost to Connecticut in the national semifinals last year — and he says he has the same feeling as in 2011.

"We wanted to win it last year just the same way we want to win it this year," Miller said. "It feels the same. I am blessed to be part of both experiences. I have had fun both times and hope to get a (championship) ring this time."

"Last year we put way more

pressure on ourselves and felt we had to win this and needed to win this. This year we are just playing basketball. Last year we were a little uptight, especially myself. We felt we needed to win. This year we are just trying to do the same things we have all year because we have been successful doing so."

Miller, who averages 10 points and 2.7 rebounds per game, hopes the experience him and sophomore Doron Lamb and Terrence Jones have from last year's Final Four help ease the tension Saturday.

"Coach knew he put pressure on us last year and he's trying not to make the same mistake. It's a huge stage. If you get too much pressure, it's tough to play. You can wear yourself out," Miller said.

Louisville does not have a player that has been to a Final Four, so Miller hopes that is a plus for UK.

"I don't know how coach Pitino will handle it, I hope it is an advantage for us," Miller said.

Kentucky's players enjoyed some free time when they were in New Orleans three weeks ago for the Southeastern Conference Tournament. They roamed Bourbon Street as a group and often went out to eat with family members. Miller says this time it has been a "whole lot of media, practice and then just relaxing amongst each other" rather than going out.

"For us, this is a basketball trip. We are not trying to see everything. We have a huge opportunity ahead. We are not trying to do anything else," the UK senior said.

"We haven't really been paying any attention to any of it (the rivalry). Most of our time we are with the coaching staff. We are not around anybody else. Our focus is trying to win a championship. Louisville or whatever, it doesn't matter. We just take it as the next game, get down to our game plan and get dedicated to it."

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**ORDINANCE ADOPTING  
FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT**

Second reading and final approval of the above will be considered at the next regularly scheduled Fiscal Court meeting which will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 11, 2012, in Room 107 of the Clark County Courthouse. A copy of the full text of said ordinance is available for public inspection in the office of County Judge/Executive, Henry Branham, Room 103, Clark County Courthouse, Winchester, Kentucky during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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The Clark County Fiscal Court will hold a **MANDATORY Pre-proposal meeting:**

**Date:** April 11, 2012  
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# Sports calendar

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— The George Rogers Clark Lady Cardinals basketball camp will be May 22-25 from 8:30 a.m. until noon at Norton Gymnasium. The camp is for boys and girls in grades kindergarten through eighth-grade. The cost per camper is \$70 with each camper receiving individual instruction, a camp t-shirt and one drink per day. Camp applications can be picked up at the high school.

— The Winchester-Clark County Parks and Recreation Department will be taking registrations for its spring softball league through April 6. A coaches meeting is set for April 16 and the league begins on April 23. The cost is \$325 per team. Games will be played each Monday and Thursday.

— Boone’s Creek Baptist Camp is taking sign-ups for its men’s and women’s softball league through April 15. Teams and individuals seeking to play, can contact camp manager Gale Holbrook at 744-0037 or 771-2136.

— The Winchester-Clark County Parks and Recreation Department is taking registrations for its Little Slammers youth basketball league for children ages 3-5. Registration and games are through April 24 each Monday-Thursday 6-6:45 p.m.

— The Winchester-Clark County Parks and Recreation Department will have a dodgeball tournament at 6 p.m. on March 29 at College Park Gym. Cost is \$10 per team and \$15 on day of event.

— The Winchester Little League is taking sign-ups for its Senior League baseball and softball leagues each Saturday 9 a.m. until noon for the next month. The league is for players ages 13-16. For more information, contact Ken Howard (749-2798) or Jennifer Miles at 771-3000.

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Earnhardt goes into Sunday's race at Martinsville Speedway mired in a 134-race losing streak that dates back to 2008, his first season with Hendrick Motorsports. He had a solid shot at getting back to Victory Lane a year ago at Martinsville, but wound up second to Kevin Harvick that left Earnhardt's fans feeling a little flat.

Earnhardt led 17 laps and was out front when Harvick passed him four laps from the finish. Earnhardt resisted any

urge to try to knock Harvick out of his way in an attempt to reclaim the win. With Kyle Busch right behind him, Earnhardt instead just held on for the second-place finish.

Although his fans wish he'd gotten more aggressive, Earnhardt remains convinced a year later he did all he could.

"I don't know what I could have done other than try to probably get myself blocked wrecking him, or probably get wrecked by somebody behind me," Earnhardt said. "I don't think I could have done anything different that would have made a better outcome for me. If I did anything different, the outcome would have probably been worse for me."



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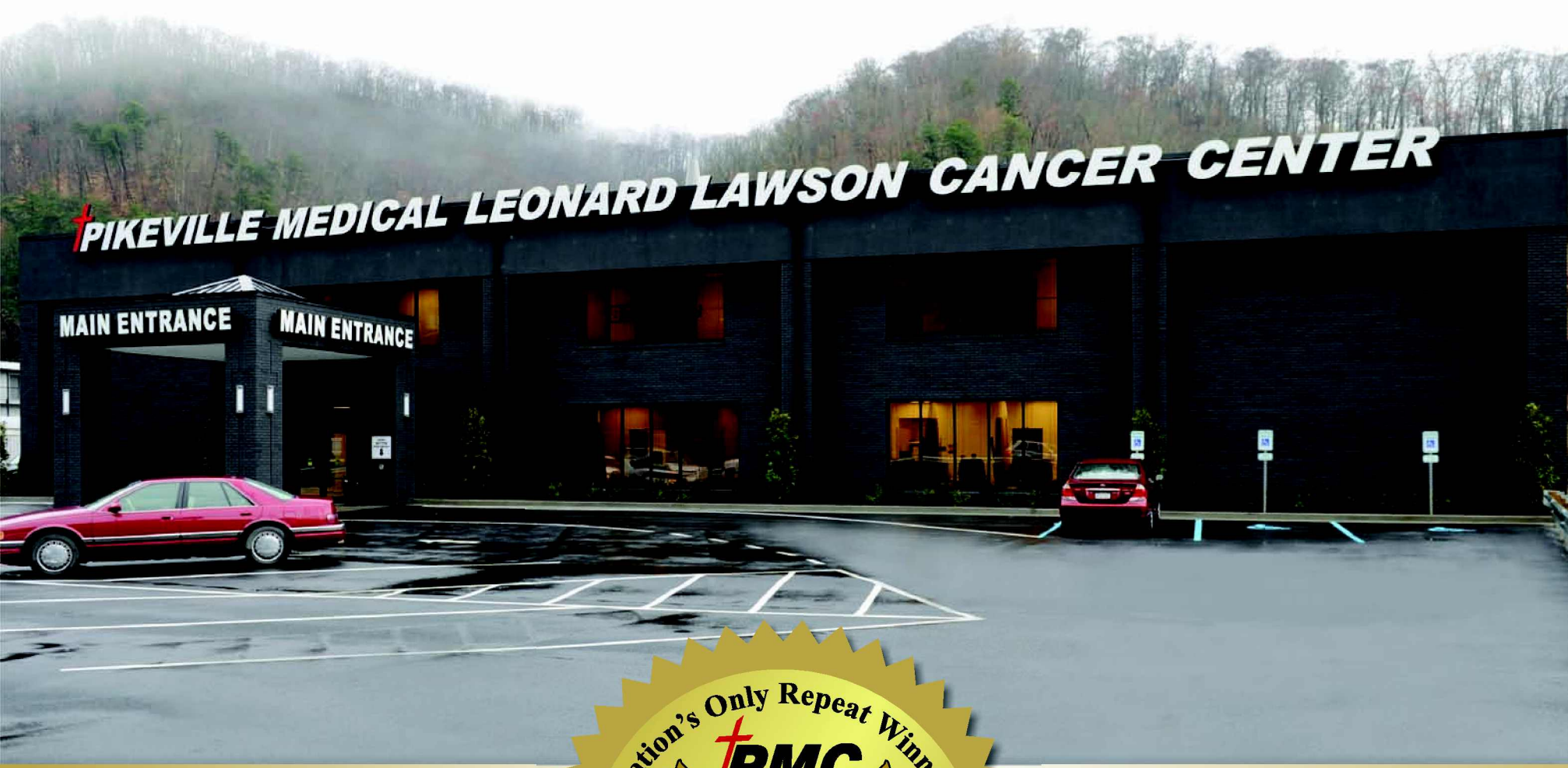


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